

Orbital Functional Geometry

Orbits, Spectra, and the Geometry of Analytic Functions

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Abstract

We introduce the *Orbital Space* $\mathcal{O}$, a new mathematical object constructed from the equation $e^{P(x)(az+b)} = f(x)$, where P is a polynomial, f an analytic function, and $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^* \times \mathbb{R}$. A point of $\mathcal{O}$ is a closed orbit — the trajectory of the solution z as x makes one full turn around a root of P in $\mathbb{C}$.

We develop the complete theory of $\mathcal{O}$: metric structure (Hausdorff distance on admissible orbits), foliation, symmetries, and a classification into 2^{n+1} classes for P of degree n . We establish an encoding theorem showing that the zero-pole structure of f is fully readable from the geometry of orbits, and introduce orbital spectroscopy — a method to count and locate zeros of analytic functions without solving equations.

A differential and integral calculus is developed in three directions (a, b, x_0) with qualitatively distinct natures: linear, logarithmic, and double-logarithmic. The orbital Laplacian $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ is defined; its continuous spectrum is $\lambda = 2/a^2$ with eigenfunctions $f = e^{\alpha x + \beta}$. The intrinsic geometry of $\mathcal{O}$ is shown to be flat, with all curvature extrinsic and induced by f .

Several directions remain open: discrete spectrum, full consequences of the Hausdorff metric, and classification of orbital flows.

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Introduction

Classical analysis studies functions by their values, derivatives, and zeros. The ambient space is always fixed — $\mathbb{R}$, $\mathbb{C}$, or some function space. The function moves through the space; the space itself does not depend on the function.

This paper takes a different starting point. Given a polynomial P , an analytic function f , and parameters (a, b) , we ask: what space does the equation

$$e^{P(x)(az+b)} = f(x)$$

generate? Here $az + b$ is not time. It is the line of an independent function — a structural replacement for the free variable in the exponent.

The solution

$$z = \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\ln f(x)}{P(x)} - b \right)$$

has a remarkable property: when x makes a full turn around a root x_0 of P in $\mathbb{C}$, the trajectory of z closes into an orbit. This closed orbit is a *point* of the space $\mathcal{O}$.

What emerges is not a transformation of f , nor a representation. It is a space *generated by* f — where the analytic structure of f (its zeros, poles, logarithmic derivative) becomes geometric structure (curvature, spectral jumps, orbital deformation).

The theory developed here is complete in its foundations and open in several directions. It grew, unexpectedly, from an attempt to study the Riemann zeta function. That attempt produced a different object entirely.

1 The Fundamental Object

Definition 1 (Orbital equation). *Let $P(x)$ be a polynomial and $f(x)$ a function with $\text{roots}(P) \cap \text{roots}(f) = \emptyset$. Let $g(z) = az + b$ be the line of an independent function, $a \in \mathbb{R}^*$, $b \in \mathbb{R}$.*

The orbital equation is:

$$e^{P(x) \cdot (az+b)} = f(x)$$

Here $az + b$ is not time. It is the variation driven by the line of an independent function.

Remark 1 (Natural extension to analytic P). *The definition uses P polynomial for concreteness — roots are isolated, their structure is explicit, and the classification into 2^{n+1} classes is combinatorially clear.*

However, the theory does not depend on P being polynomial. Any analytic function P with isolated roots works: $P = \sin x$ gives a periodic foliation of period π with infinitely many classes; $P = \ln x$ gives $z = \log_x f(x)$, a dynamic exponent.

The polynomial case is the base framework. Analytic P is the natural extension — the structure of $\mathcal{O}$ transfers without modification.

Lemma 1 (Mixed solutions). *Taking logarithms:*

$$z = \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\ln f(x)}{P(x)} - b \right)$$

- $f(x) > 0$: z is real
- $f(x) < 0$: z is complex, with imaginary part $\frac{\pi}{aP(x)}$

Real and complex solutions coexist in the same space.

2 Structure of the Space

A *point* of $\mathcal{O}$ is an orbit — the closed trajectory of z when x makes one full turn around a root x_0 of P in $\mathbb{C}$:

$$x(\theta) = x_0 + r \cdot e^{i\theta}, \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$$

for fixed (a, b) and radius $r > 0$.

A point is identified by the triple (a, b, x_0) : a controls scale and direction, b controls the position of centres, x_0 is the root of P around which the orbit closes.

The *metric* between two orbits C_1 and C_2 is the Hausdorff distance:

$$d_H(C_1, C_2) = \max \left(\sup_{z \in C_1} \inf_{w \in C_2} |z - w|, \sup_{w \in C_2} \inf_{z \in C_1} |z - w| \right)$$

The earlier pointwise metric $|\ln f - \ln g|$ is a local approximation, not the metric of $\mathcal{O}$.

The *Euler constraint* $e^{2\pi i} = 1$ forces the rotation to close. Fixed points are the roots of $P(x)$.

3 Example: $P(x) = x$, $f(x) = x$

$$z = \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\ln x}{x} - b \right)$$

The function $\frac{\ln x}{x}$ has a unique maximum at $x = e$. The constant e emerges as a bifurcation: two real centres if $b < \frac{1}{e}$, one if $b = \frac{1}{e}$, none if $b > \frac{1}{e}$.

When $x < 0$: z acquires imaginary part $\frac{i\pi}{ax}$. The constant π appears naturally on the complex side.

Neither e nor π is imposed. Both emerge.

4 Topology for Degree n

Let $P(x)$ have n real roots $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$. These create $n + 1$ zones in $\mathbb{R}$.

Lemma 2 (Alternating sign). *The sign of z alternates between consecutive zones. If zone k has $z > 0$, then zone $k + 1$ has $z < 0$. This is forced by $P(x)$ changing sign at each root.*

The topology of $\mathcal{O}$ depends on two polynomials simultaneously:

- Roots of $P(x)$ create the zones.
- Roots of $f(x)$ decide which zones are real or complex.

This is a two-level topology: the first level is structural (given by P), the second is functional (given by f).

Example $n = 3$: $P(x) = x^3 - x$, roots at $-1, 0, 1$. With $f(x) = x^2 + 1 > 0$ always, all zones are real and z alternates sign: negative, positive, negative, positive across the four zones.

5 Extension to $x \in \mathbb{C}$

When $x = u + iv \in \mathbb{C}$, the logarithm becomes:

$$\ln f(x) = \ln |f(x)| + i \arg(f(x))$$

The solution z is always complex. The real/complex distinction of the real case is replaced by the *branch* of the logarithm.

The roots of $P(x)$ in $\mathbb{C}$ are isolated points in the plane — no longer boundaries cutting a line, but centres of rotation in a plane.

Lemma 3 (Automatic Euler constraint). *When x winds around a root of P in $\mathbb{C}$, the logarithm gains $2\pi i$:*

$$\ln f(x) \rightarrow \ln f(x) + 2\pi i$$

The Euler constraint $e^{2\pi i} = 1$ is no longer imposed. It emerges automatically from the geometry of $\mathbb{C}$.

This is a key difference between the real and complex cases: in $\mathbb{R}$, the rotation constraint is forced. In $\mathbb{C}$, it is natural.

6 Branch Structure in $\mathbb{C}$

The complex logarithm is multi-valued:

$$\ln f(x) = \ln |f(x)| + i(\arg(f(x)) + 2\pi k), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Each k gives a distinct branch — a distinct orbit in $\mathcal{O}$:

$$z_k = \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\ln |f(x)| + i(\arg(f(x)) + 2\pi k)}{P(x)} - b \right)$$

Lemma 4 (Distance between branches). *The distance between consecutive branches is:*

$$d(z_k, z_{k+1}) = \frac{2\pi}{|a \cdot P(x)|}$$

Near a root of P : branches diverge to infinity. Far from roots: branches converge toward zero. The roots of P organise the hierarchy of branches.

Lemma 5 (Euler constraint as branch metric). *The unit of separation between branches is 2π . This is the same 2π as in $e^{2\pi i} = 1$.*

The Euler constraint and the branch metric are the same object:

- *Euler: a full rotation returns to 1*
- *Branches: two consecutive orbits are separated by 2π*

The rotation constraint is not external. It is the metric of the branches itself. The space closes on itself naturally.

7 Foliation of $\mathcal{O}$

Lemma 6 (Branches never cross). *Two distinct branches z_k and z_j with $k \neq j$ satisfy $z_k \neq z_j$ everywhere. The orbits of $\mathcal{O}$ are disjoint.*

Proof. $z_k = z_j$ requires $\frac{2\pi k}{P(x)} = \frac{2\pi j}{P(x)}$, which forces $k = j$. □

Lemma 7 (Non-uniform foliation). *$\mathcal{O}$ is foliated: it consists of infinitely many disjoint sheets $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, each a copy of the orbital space for a fixed branch.*

The distance between sheets k and $k+1$:

$$d(z_k, z_{k+1}) = \frac{2\pi}{|a \cdot P(x)|}$$

is not uniform. The sheets are not parallel — they open at the roots of P (distance $\rightarrow \infty$) and close far from roots (distance $\rightarrow 0$).

The foliation is controlled entirely by $P(x)$.

The structure was not constructed. It emerged from the single condition that branches do not cross.

8 Reflection Symmetry and the Role of a

Lemma 8 (Reflection symmetry). *Under $a \rightarrow -a$, the orbits satisfy $z_k^{(-a)} = -z_k^{(+a)}$. The distances between sheets are unchanged — $|a|$ removes the sign. But the order of sheets is reversed: the foliation is reflected as in a mirror.*

The map $a \leftrightarrow -a$ is a fundamental symmetry of $\mathcal{O}$: it reverses orientation without changing structure.

Lemma 9 (Why $a \neq 0$). *At $a = 0$, all sheets diverge simultaneously. The foliation collapses. The space ceases to exist.*

The condition $a \in \mathbb{R}^$ is not arbitrary — it is the condition for $\mathcal{O}$ to exist. The two orientations $a > 0$ and $a < 0$ are two mirror images of the same space, separated by the void $a = 0$.*

9 Symmetry Group of $\mathcal{O}$

Lemma 10 (Translation symmetry). *Under $b \rightarrow -b$:*

$$z_k^{(-b)} = z_k^{(+b)} + \frac{2b}{a}$$

All sheets translate together by $\frac{2b}{a}$. Distances between sheets are unchanged. The foliation is preserved — only the position changes.

Lemma 11 (Two fundamental symmetries). *$\mathcal{O}$ admits two fundamental symmetries:*

- $a \leftrightarrow -a$ — reflection: reverses orientation
- $b \leftrightarrow -b$ — translation: shifts position

Together they generate the group of isometries of $\mathbb{R}$ — the infinite dihedral group D_∞ .

These symmetries were not constructed. They emerged from the parameters (a, b) .

10 Rotation in x as Translation in $\mathcal{O}$

Lemma 12 (Rotation becomes translation). *When x rotates by angle θ around a root x_0 of P :*

$$x \rightarrow x_0 + (x - x_0)e^{i\theta}$$

the orbit transforms as:

$$z_k \rightarrow z_k + \frac{i\theta}{aP(x)}$$

A rotation in x is a translation between sheets in $\mathcal{O}$.

Lemma 13 (Quantisation of sheets). *For a full rotation $\theta = 2\pi$:*

$$z_k \rightarrow z_k + \frac{2\pi i}{aP(x)} = z_{k+1}$$

A complete rotation in x moves exactly one sheet forward in $\mathcal{O}$. k rotations move k sheets. The index $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ counts rotations.

The sheets are indexed by $\mathbb{Z}$ because rotations are quantised: only full turns return to the same point. The quantisation of sheets comes from the quantisation of rotations.

11 Fundamental Invariant and Classification

Lemma 14 (Fundamental invariant). *The distance between consecutive sheets:*

$$d(z_k, z_{k+1}) = \frac{2\pi}{|a \cdot P(x)|}$$

is invariant under all three symmetries of $\mathcal{O}$:

- $a \leftrightarrow -a$: depends on $|a|$, not a
- $b \leftrightarrow -b$: independent of b
- Rotation in x : $P(x)$ unchanged around its roots

The inter-sheet distance is the fundamental invariant of $\mathcal{O}$. It is controlled entirely by $P(x)$.

Lemma 15 (Classification by P). *$P(x)$ is the identity of the space. Two orbital spaces built with the same P have the same fundamental geometry, regardless of their parameters (a, b) .*

Two orbital spaces are equivalent if and only if they have the same P up to a constant. $P(x)$ is the fingerprint of $\mathcal{O}$.

12 The Affine Group of $\mathcal{O}$

Lemma 16 (Transition between equivalent spaces). *Two orbital spaces with the same P and parameters (a_1, b_1) , (a_2, b_2) are related by:*

$$z^{(2)} = \alpha \cdot z^{(1)} + \beta$$

where $\alpha = \frac{a_1}{a_2}$ and $\beta = \frac{b_1 a_2 - b_2 a_1}{a_1 a_2}$.

This is an affine transformation — multiplication and translation. The set of all such transformations forms the affine group of $\mathbb{C}$.

Remark 2 (The line is everywhere). *The fundamental object of $\mathcal{O}$ is the line $az + b$. The group of symmetries between equivalent spaces is the affine group — generated by lines.*

The object that founds the space is also its symmetry group. This is a deep coherence of $\mathcal{O}$.

13 Classification by (P, f)

The full classification of $\mathcal{O}$ requires both P and f .

Level 1 — Geometric class: two spaces are in the same geometric class if they have the same P . This fixes the foliation, distances, and symmetries.

Level 2 — Nature pattern: within a geometric class, f determines which zones are real ($f > 0$) or complex ($f < 0$).

Lemma 17 (Counting classes). *For $P(x)$ of degree n with n real roots, there are $n + 1$ zones. Each zone has two possible natures (+ or −). The number of distinct orbital spaces in the same geometric class is:*

$$2^{n+1}$$

Each class is a pattern — a sequence of + and − of length $n + 1$.

Example: $P(x) = x(x - 1)$, three zones $(-\infty, 0)$, $(0, 1)$, $(1, +\infty)$. The 8 patterns:

$(+, +, +)$, $(+, +, -)$, $(+, -, +)$, $(+, -, -)$, $(-, +, +)$, $(-, +, -)$, $(-, -, +)$, $(-, -, -)$

Each pattern is a distinct orbital space with the same geometry but different real/complex structure.

14 Duality in $\mathcal{O}$

Among the 2^{n+1} patterns, two are extremal:

All-positive pattern $(+, +, \dots, +)$: $f > 0$ everywhere. z is always real. Branches $k \neq 0$ exist but are purely imaginary — decoupled from the real structure. The foliation is entirely real. Branches are hidden.

All-negative pattern $(-, -, \dots, -)$: $f < 0$ everywhere. z is always complex with imaginary part $\frac{\pi}{aP(x)}$. All branches are active. The foliation is entirely complex.

Lemma 18 (Fundamental duality). *The two extremal patterns are dual under $f \rightarrow -f$:*

$$all\ real \longleftrightarrow all\ complex$$

$$branches\ hidden \longleftrightarrow branches\ active$$

Changing the sign of f reverses the duality. Mixed patterns lie between the two extremes — some zones real, others complex, some branches active, others hidden.

15 Beyond Polynomials: General P

The construction of $\mathcal{O}$ requires only that P have isolated roots and be analytic. Polynomials satisfy this, but they are not the only choice.

Case $P(x) = \sin(x)$: roots at $x = k\pi$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Infinitely many boundaries, infinitely many zones of length π . The inter-sheet distance:

$$d(z_k, z_{k+1}) = \frac{2\pi}{|a \cdot \sin(x)|}$$

opens and closes with period π — the foliation *breathes*. The constant π appears now as the period of the foliation, not only in complex branches.

The classification explodes: 2^∞ classes, indexed by infinite sequences of $+$ and $-$. Special classes include periodic sequences $(+, -, +, -, \dots)$, constant sequences, and arbitrary ones.

Case $P(x) = \ln x$: one root at $x = 1$. The solution becomes:

$$z = \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\ln f(x)}{\ln x} - b \right) = \frac{1}{a} (\log_x f(x) - b)$$

A point in $\mathcal{O}$ is now an *exponent* — the power of x needed to reach $f(x)$.

Example: $f(x) = x^n$ gives $z = n$ everywhere — a constant point in $\mathcal{O}$. The distance between $z = 2$ and $z = 3$:

$$d = |\ln x^2 - \ln x^3| = |\ln x|$$

depends on x . The geometry is *dynamic* — it changes with position. The boundary at $x = 1$ is where the base of the logarithm becomes undefined — a natural, not arbitrary, limit.

16 Generalising $g(z)$: Beyond the Line

The fundamental object $e^{P(x) \cdot g(z)} = f(x)$ was constructed with $g(z) = az + b$ — a line. But g can be any analytic function.

Case $g(z) = z^2$:

$$z = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\ln f(x)}{P(x)}}$$

Two solutions for each x . The space *doubles*. Nature depends on the sign of $\frac{\ln f(x)}{P(x)}$: real pair if positive, imaginary pair if negative, single point $z = 0$ if zero.

Lemma 19 (Multiplicity from degree of g). *For $g(z) = z^m$, the orbital equation has m solutions:*

$$z_j = \left(\frac{\ln f(x)}{P(x)} \right)^{1/m} \cdot e^{2\pi i j / m}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$$

The m solutions form an orbit with m branches, symmetric under the cyclic group $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$.

The degree of g controls the multiplicity of points in $\mathcal{O}$.

The full classification of $\mathcal{O}$ requires three levels:

- P — geometric class (foliation, distances)
- f — nature pattern (real/complex zones)
- $\deg(g)$ — multiplicity (number of branches per point)

17 Complex P : Directional Foliation

When P has complex coefficients, its roots lie anywhere in $\mathbb{C}$. Each root $x_0 = re^{i\theta}$ carries two pieces of information:

- $|x_0|$ — where the foliation opens
- $\arg(x_0)$ — the direction in which it opens

Example: $P(z) = z^2 + 1$, roots at $\pm i$. The symmetry $z \leftrightarrow \bar{z}$ exchanges the two roots. $\mathcal{O}$ is its own mirror image under conjugation. The distance between the two boundaries $|i - (-i)| = 2$ is real — real geometry emerges from complex boundaries.

Lemma 20 (Directional foliation). *For P of degree n with n complex roots, the foliation has n opening directions — one per root, determined by its argument. The foliation is directional in $\mathbb{C}$.*

For P with real coefficients: complex roots come in conjugate pairs. Directions cancel in pairs. The foliation remains symmetric. Real P is the case where all directions balance.

The full classification now requires:

- P — geometric class
- f — nature pattern
- $\deg(g)$ — multiplicity
- $\arg(\text{roots of } P)$ — opening directions

18 Product of Two Orbital Spaces

Given two orbital spaces with the same $g(z) = az + b$:

$$e^{P_1(x) \cdot (az+b)} = f_1(x), \quad e^{P_2(x) \cdot (az+b)} = f_2(x)$$

their product is defined by multiplying the equations:

$$e^{(P_1(x)+P_2(x)) \cdot (az+b)} = f_1(x) \cdot f_2(x)$$

A new orbital space with $P = P_1 + P_2$ and $f = f_1 \cdot f_2$.

Lemma 21 (Centering property). *For $P_1(x) = x - x_1$ and $P_2(x) = x - x_2$:*

$$P_1 + P_2 = 2x - (x_1 + x_2)$$

with root at $x = \frac{x_1+x_2}{2}$ — the midpoint.

The structural boundary of the product lies exactly between the two original boundaries. The product always centres.

Remark 3 (Exchange of roles). *In the product, the original structural boundaries x_1 and x_2 become roots of $f = f_1 \cdot f_2$ — they become functional boundaries. What was structural becomes functional. A new structural boundary appears at the centre.*

19 Convergence of Orbits

Lemma 22 (Rigidity in b). *Two orbits with parameters (a, b_1, x_0) and (a, b_2, x_0) satisfy:*

$$|z_1(\theta) - z_2(\theta)| = \frac{|b_1 - b_2|}{|a|}$$

The distance is constant along the entire orbit. Two orbits close in b remain parallel — they neither converge nor diverge. $\mathcal{O}$ is isometric in the b direction.

Lemma 23 (Flexibility in a). *Two orbits with parameters (a_1, b, x_0) and (a_2, b, x_0) satisfy:*

$$|z_1(\theta) - z_2(\theta)| = \left| \frac{1}{a_1} - \frac{1}{a_2} \right| \cdot \left| \frac{\ln f(x(\theta))}{P(x(\theta))} - b \right|$$

The distance varies with θ — it depends on the position along the orbit. Two orbits close in a approach and separate as they turn. $\mathcal{O}$ is flexible in the a direction.

$\mathcal{O}$ has two natures of convergence: rigid (isometric) in b , flexible (variable) in a .

20 Convergence in x_0 : Role of the Logarithmic Derivative

Two orbits with nearby roots $x_0^{(1)} = 0$ and $x_0^{(2)} = \epsilon$ (small), same $P_1(x) = x$, $P_2(x) = x - \epsilon$, same (a, b) . For small ϵ :

$$|z_1(\theta) - z_2(\theta)| \approx \frac{\epsilon}{|a| \cdot r} \cdot \left| \frac{f'(re^{i\theta})}{f(re^{i\theta})} \right|$$

The distance between two nearby orbits is proportional to the *logarithmic derivative* of f evaluated on the orbit:

$$(\ln f)' = \frac{f'}{f}$$

Lemma 24 (Three natures of convergence). $\mathcal{O}$ has three distinct convergence behaviours:

- In b : **rigid** — constant distance, parallel orbits
- In a : **flexible** — variable distance, orbits breathe
- In x_0 : **functional** — distance controlled by the logarithmic derivative of f

Each parameter governs a different geometry of proximity.

21 Curvature of $\mathcal{O}$: Geometry Charged by f

Integrating the inter-orbit distance over a full turn:

$$\oint |z_1 - z_2| d\theta \approx \frac{\epsilon}{|a| \cdot r} \oint \left| \frac{f'(re^{i\theta})}{f(re^{i\theta})} \right| d\theta$$

By the argument principle:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = N - P$$

where N = zeros of f inside the orbit, P = poles.

Lemma 25 (Charged geometry). Zeros of f inside an orbit increase the integrated inter-orbit distance — they repel nearby orbits. Poles of f decrease it — they attract nearby orbits.

$\mathcal{O}$ has a charged geometry: zeros of f are sources of repulsion, poles are sources of attraction. Orbits deform around these charges.

Remark 4 (Roles of P and f). The proximity of orbits in $\mathcal{O}$ depends on both P and f simultaneously — through their logarithmic derivatives $(\ln f)'$ and $(\ln P)'$. The separation global/P versus local/f is too simple:

- P — structure of the space (foliation, boundaries, classification) and part of the proximity geometry
- f — content of the space (zeros, poles, curvature) and the other part of proximity

The geometry of proximity requires both together.

22 Argument Principle in $\mathcal{O}$

Lemma 26 (Orbits encode zeros and poles). When x completes one full turn around x_0 , the variation of z is:

$$\Delta z = z(2\pi) - z(0) = \frac{2\pi i(N - P)}{a \cdot P(x_0)}$$

where N = zeros and P = poles of f inside the orbit.

The displacement of z after one full turn directly encodes the zero-pole balance of f .

Lemma 27 (Reading f from orbits). • $\Delta z = 0$: f has equal zeros and poles inside

• $\Delta z \neq 0$: imbalance between zeros and poles

• $|\Delta z|$ large: many zeros or poles inside

The argument principle of complex analysis becomes a geometric statement in $\mathcal{O}$: the zero-pole structure of f is readable directly from the displacement of orbits.

23 Complete Reading of f from Orbits

Lemma 28 (Velocity of an orbit). The velocity of z along an orbit is:

$$\frac{dz}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\frac{\ln f(x(\theta))}{P(x(\theta))} \right)$$

When f has no zeros or poles inside: the velocity is regular, no peaks. When f has zeros and poles inside: the velocity has peaks — accelerations near poles, decelerations near zeros.

The regularity of $\frac{dz}{d\theta}$ encodes $N + P$.

Theorem 1 (Complete encoding). Two quantities read from a single orbit determine N and P separately:

$$N - P = \frac{a \cdot P(x_0)}{2\pi i} \cdot \Delta z \quad N + P \text{ from regularity of } \frac{dz}{d\theta}$$

$$N = \frac{(N - P) + (N + P)}{2}, \quad P = \frac{(N + P) - (N - P)}{2}$$

The number of zeros and poles of f inside any orbit is completely determined by the geometry of that orbit.

$\mathcal{O}$ encodes complex analysis geometrically. It is not only a metric space — it is a space where the analytic structure of f is readable from orbits.

24 Localisation of Zeros via Orbits

$\mathcal{O}$ provides a geometric method to locate zeros of f without solving equations directly.

Lemma 29 (Zeros as discontinuities of Δz). A point z^* is a zero of f if and only if $\Delta z(r)$ is discontinuous at $r = |z^* - x_0|$:

$$z^* \text{ zero of } f \iff \lim_{r \rightarrow |z^* - x_0|^+} \Delta z(r) \neq \lim_{r \rightarrow |z^* - x_0|^-} \Delta z(r)$$

Zeros of f are the jump points of $\Delta z(r)$ as the orbital radius varies.

Algorithm (localisation of zeros in Ω):

1. Choose $P(x) = x - x_0$ with x_0 at centre of Ω
2. Compute $\Delta z(r)$ for decreasing radii r
3. Each jump in $\Delta z(r)$ signals a zero at radius r
4. Move x_0 and repeat — triangulate to find exact position

This is a geometric criterion, not an analytic one. No equation is solved. Zeros are located by observing how orbits change as the radius shrinks.

25 Orbital Spectroscopy

Classical analysis separates two problems: (1) how many zeros in Ω ? (Rouché's theorem, hard) (2) where are they? (Newton's method, iterative)

In $\mathcal{O}$, a single radial sweep gives both simultaneously.

Definition 2 (Orbital spectrum). *The orbital spectrum of f with respect to x_0 is:*

$$\mathcal{S}(f, x_0) = \{r > 0 : \Delta z(r^+) \neq \Delta z(r^-)\}$$

the set of discontinuities of $\Delta z(r)$.

Theorem 2 (Spectroscopy theorem).

$$|\mathcal{S}(f, x_0)| = N + P$$

The cardinality of the orbital spectrum equals the total number of zeros and poles of f in the plane, counted by distance from x_0 .

Each element $r^ \in \mathcal{S}(f, x_0)$ gives the distance from x_0 to a zero or pole of f . Two orbital spectra from distinct centres $x_0^{(1)}$ and $x_0^{(2)}$ locate each zero exactly by intersection of circles.*

Remark 5 (Structural advantage). $\mathcal{O}$ provides global information (how many zeros) before local information (where they are). Classical methods require knowing the count before searching. Orbital spectroscopy reverses this: count first, locate second.

26 Orbital Symmetry and the Critical Line

Applied to $f(x) = \zeta(x)$, the orbital spectrum from a real centre x_0 is:

$$\mathcal{S}(\zeta, x_0) = \{r_k = |x_0 - z_k| : z_k \text{ zero of } \zeta\}$$

Lemma 30 (Orbital symmetry under RH). *If all non-trivial zeros of ζ lie on $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$, then for every real x_0 :*

$$r_k(x_0) = r_k(1 - x_0)$$

The orbital spectra from x_0 and $1 - x_0$ are identical. Symmetry of the spectrum is equivalent to symmetry of zeros around the critical line.

Remark 6 (Spectrum from $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$). *From the centre of the critical line, the orbital spectrum reduces to:*

$$r_k = \left| \frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2} + it_k \right) \right| = t_k$$

The orbital spectrum from $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ is exactly the sequence of imaginary parts of the non-trivial zeros.

Remark 7 (Geometric translation of RH). *A zero $\frac{1}{2} + \epsilon + it$ off the critical line produces two distinct distances from any real x_0 : $\sqrt{(x_0 - \frac{1}{2} - \epsilon)^2 + t^2}$ and $\sqrt{(x_0 - \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon)^2 + t^2}$. The orbital symmetry $r_k(x_0) = r_k(1 - x_0)$ is broken.*

In the language of $\mathcal{O}$:

$$\text{RH} \iff r_k(x_0) = r_k(1 - x_0) \text{ for all real } x_0$$

This is a reformulation, not a proof.

27 Product Structure: A Commutative Monoid

Definition 3 (Product of orbital spaces). *The product of two orbital spaces with polynomials P_1 and P_2 is the orbital space with $P_1 + P_2$:*

$$\mathcal{O}_1 \cdot \mathcal{O}_2 : e^{(P_1+P_2)(az+b)} = f_1 \cdot f_2$$

Lemma 31 (Barycentre of boundaries). *For $P_k(x) = x - \alpha_k$, the boundary of the product of n spaces is:*

$$x^* = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k$$

The structural boundary of a product is the barycentre of the roots of all factor polynomials.

Theorem 3 (Commutative monoid). *The set of orbital spaces under the product operation forms a commutative monoid:*

- **Associative:** $(P_1 + P_2) + P_3 = P_1 + (P_2 + P_3)$
- **Commutative:** $P_1 + P_2 = P_2 + P_1$
- **Identity:** $P_0 = 0$ (formal, degenerate)
- **No inverse:** $P + (-P) = 0$ gives $P = 0$, which is not a valid orbital space (division by zero in the orbital equation)

The identity element $P_0 = 0$ is formal — it does not correspond to a valid orbital space. The structure is a monoid, not a group.

28 Differential Calculus of $\mathcal{O}$

A point of $\mathcal{O}$ is a triple (a, b, x_0) in $\mathbb{R}^* \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{C}$. Three natural directions of differentiation exist.

Definition 4 (Three orbital derivatives). *Recall the orbital solution:*

$$z(x) = \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\ln f(x)}{P(x)} - b \right)$$

(1) Rigid derivative in b :

Differentiate directly with respect to b :

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial b} = \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \left[\frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right) \right] = \frac{1}{a} \cdot (-1) = -\frac{1}{a}$$

This is a constant — independent of x and of the position on the orbit. The entire orbit translates at uniform speed $-1/a$ when b increases.

(2) Flexible derivative in a :

Differentiate with respect to a :

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left[\frac{1}{a} \right] \cdot \left(\frac{\ln f(x)}{P(x)} - b \right) = -\frac{1}{a^2} \left(\frac{\ln f(x)}{P(x)} - b \right)$$

This depends on x — it varies along the orbit. At points where $\frac{\ln f}{P} = b$, the derivative vanishes: these are fixed points of the a -flow.

(3) Functional derivative in x_0 :

The orbit path is $x(\theta) = x_0 + re^{i\theta}$ and $P(x) = x - x_0$. Write $u = re^{i\theta}$ (independent of x_0). Then $P = u$ and $x = x_0 + u$:

$$z = \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\ln f(x_0 + u)}{u} - b \right)$$

Differentiating with respect to x_0 :

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x_0} = \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{f'(x_0 + u)}{f(x_0 + u)} = \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{(\ln f)'(x)}{P(x)}$$

The logarithmic derivative of f divided by P — a functional of f evaluated on the orbit.

The three derivatives have distinct natures:

- $\partial_b z = -\frac{1}{a}$ scalar, constant
- $\partial_a z = -\frac{1}{a^2} \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right)$ function on orbit
- $\partial_{x_0} z = \frac{(\ln f)'}{a \cdot P}$ functional of f

Remark 8 (Applications). This differential structure enables:

- **Orbital flows:** families of orbits evolving along a derivative direction. The b -flow is rigid (parallel translation); the a -flow is flexible (dilation).
- **Spectral derivative:** $\partial_{x_0} \mathcal{S}(f, x_0)$ measures how detected zeros move as the centre shifts — a derivative of the orbital spectrum.
- **Orbital optimisation:** gradient descent in (a, b, x_0) to find orbits closest to zeros of f .
- **Orbital Laplacian:** combining the three directions into a second-order operator $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ — eigenvalues open.

29 Spectral Derivative

The orbital spectrum $\mathcal{S}(f, x_0) = \{r_k\}$ where $r_k = |x_0 - z_k^*|$ are distances from x_0 to zeros z_k^* of f .

Derivation. When x_0 moves by ϵ in direction $\hat{n}$:

$$r_k(x_0 + \epsilon \hat{n}) = |x_0 + \epsilon \hat{n} - z_k^*|$$

Write $r_k^2 = |x_0 - z_k^*|^2 = (x_0 - z_k^*) \overline{(x_0 - z_k^*)}$. Differentiating:

$$2r_k \frac{\partial r_k}{\partial x_0} = \overline{(x_0 - z_k^*)} + (x_0 - z_k^*) = 2 \operatorname{Re}(x_0 - z_k^*)$$

So in the real direction:

$$\frac{\partial r_k}{\partial \operatorname{Re}(x_0)} = \frac{\operatorname{Re}(x_0 - z_k^*)}{r_k}$$

and in the imaginary direction:

$$\frac{\partial r_k}{\partial \text{Im}(x_0)} = \frac{\text{Im}(x_0 - z_k^*)}{r_k}$$

Combined as a complex gradient:

$$\nabla_{x_0} r_k = \frac{x_0 - z_k^*}{r_k}$$

This is the unit vector pointing from z_k^* toward x_0 .

Definition 5 (Spectral derivative).

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{S}}{\partial x_0} = \left\{ \frac{x_0 - z_k^*}{r_k} \right\}_k$$

The set of unit vectors from each zero toward x_0 .

Lemma 32 (Spectral stationarity). *The sum of spectral derivatives vanishes at the barycentre of the zeros:*

$$x_0 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_k z_k^* \implies \sum_k \frac{x_0 - z_k^*}{r_k} \approx 0$$

The barycentre is the point of spectral stationarity — the centre where the orbital spectrum is least sensitive to displacement of x_0 .

30 Higher Derivatives and Relations

Derivative in x :

Differentiating $z = \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right)$ with respect to x by the quotient rule:

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{P \cdot f'/f - P' \cdot \ln f}{P^2}$$

For $P(x) = x - x_0$ (so $P' = 1$):

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{(x - x_0) \cdot f'/f - \ln f}{(x - x_0)^2}$$

Zeros of $\partial z / \partial x$ satisfy the transcendental equation $(x - x_0) \cdot f'/f = \ln f$ — the *critical points* of the orbit.

Second derivative in b :

Since $\partial z / \partial b = -1/a$ is constant:

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial b^2} = 0$$

The b -flow is linear — no curvature, no acceleration.

Second derivative in a :

Differentiating $\partial z / \partial a = -\frac{1}{a^2} \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right)$:

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial a^2} = \frac{2}{a^3} \left(\frac{\ln f(x)}{P(x)} - b \right)$$

Lemma 33 (Euler relation of the a -flow). *The function z satisfies the following ODE in a :*

$$a \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial a^2} + 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial a} = 0$$

Derivation: $a \cdot \frac{2}{a^3} \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right) + 2 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{a^2} \right) \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right) = \frac{2}{a^2} \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right) - \frac{2}{a^2} \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right) = 0.$

The a -flow is not free — it satisfies an Euler-type constraint. The orbit cannot dilate arbitrarily.

Cross derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial a \partial b} = \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left(-\frac{1}{a} \right) = \frac{1}{a^2} \quad (\text{constant, symmetric})$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial b \partial x_0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \left(\frac{(\ln f)'}{a \cdot P} \right) = 0$$

The b -flow and the x_0 -flow do not interact — rigid translation is independent of the centre.

31 Orbital Integrals

Integral of z over a full orbit:

$$\oint z d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\ln f(x_0 + re^{i\theta})}{re^{i\theta}} - b \right) d\theta$$

Splitting into two terms:

$$= \frac{1}{ar} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i\theta} \ln f(x_0 + re^{i\theta}) d\theta - \frac{2\pi b}{a}$$

The first term is the Fourier coefficient c_{-1} of $\ln f$ on the circle of radius r . By the Cauchy formula, if f has no zeros inside:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i\theta} \ln f(x_0 + re^{i\theta}) d\theta = 0$$

Lemma 34 (Centre of mass of an orbit). *If f has no zeros inside the orbit:*

$$\oint z d\theta = -\frac{2\pi b}{a}$$

The centre of mass of the orbit is $-b/a$, independent of f and P .

If f has zeros inside, residues contribute and the centre of mass shifts — it detects the zeros of f .

Integral of z with respect to b :

From $\partial z / \partial b = -1/a$, integrating:

$$\int_{b_1}^{b_2} z db = \int_{b_1}^{b_2} \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right) db$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \left[\frac{\ln f}{P} (b_2 - b_1) - \frac{b_2^2 - b_1^2}{2} \right]$$

Setting $\Delta b = b_2 - b_1$ and $\bar{b} = (b_1 + b_2)/2$:

$$\int_{b_1}^{b_2} z db = \frac{\Delta b}{a} \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - \bar{b} \right) = \Delta b \cdot z(a, \bar{b}, x_0)$$

Lemma 35 (Area swept by b -flow). *The integral of z over a b -interval equals Δb times the orbit at the midpoint $\bar{b}$:*

$$\int_{b_1}^{b_2} z db = \Delta b \cdot z(a, \bar{b}, x_0)$$

The area swept by the rigid flow is exactly the orbit at the centre of the interval, scaled by Δb . This is the mean value theorem of $\mathcal{O}$: the b -flow is so uniform that the mean equals the midpoint value exactly.

Integral of z with respect to r :

Since $x(\theta) = x_0 + re^{i\theta}$, both f and P depend on r . Writing the main term with integration by parts ($u = \ln f$, $dv = dr/r$):

$$\int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{\ln f(x_0 + re^{i\theta})}{re^{i\theta}} dr = e^{-i\theta} \left[\ln f \cdot \ln r \right]_{r_1}^{r_2} - \int_{r_1}^{r_2} (\ln f)'(x) \cdot \ln r dr$$

where $(\ln f)' = f'/f$ evaluated at $x = x_0 + re^{i\theta}$. The full integral:

$$\int_{r_1}^{r_2} z dr = \frac{e^{-i\theta}}{a} \left[\ln f \cdot \ln r \right]_{r_1}^{r_2} - \frac{1}{a} \int_{r_1}^{r_2} (\ln f)'(x) \cdot \ln r dr - \frac{b(r_2 - r_1)}{a}$$

Lemma 36 (Double logarithm of the r -integral). *The r -integral produces a double logarithm $\ln f \cdot \ln r$ — the logarithm of the function times the logarithm of the radius. It does not simplify in general: the residual $\int (\ln f)' \cdot \ln r dr$ depends on the full structure of f .*

Special case $f(x) = x^n$: $\ln f = n \ln(x_0 + re^{i\theta})$ and the integral becomes explicit.

Summary of orbital integrals:

Integral	Result	Nature
$\oint z d\theta$	$-2\pi b/a$ (no zeros inside)	Fourier / Cauchy
$\int z db$	$\Delta b \cdot z(\bar{b})$	Linear (mean value)
$\int z da$	$az \cdot \ln(a_2/a_1)$	Logarithmic
$\int z dr$	$\frac{1}{a} [\ln f \cdot \ln r] - \dots$	Double logarithm

Each parameter produces a qualitatively different integral — Fourier, linear, logarithmic, double logarithmic. The calculus of $\mathcal{O}$ is not uniform: each direction has its own algebraic nature.

32 The Orbital Laplacian

Second derivative in x_0 :

From $\partial z / \partial x_0 = (\ln f)'(x) / (a \cdot P)$, differentiating again with $x = x_0 + u$, $P = u$ fixed:

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x_0^2} = \frac{(\ln f)''(x)}{a \cdot P(x)}$$

Dimensional analysis. The three parameters have dimensions: a, b dimensionless [1]; $x_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ has dimension $[X]$. The second derivatives have dimensions:

$$\left[\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial a^2} \right] = [Z], \quad \left[\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial b^2} \right] = [Z], \quad \left[\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x_0^2} \right] = \frac{[Z]}{[X]^2}$$

The only characteristic length in $\mathcal{O}$ is the orbital radius r . Imposing dimensional homogeneity:

Definition 6 (Orbital Laplacian).

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial a^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial b^2} + r^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_0^2}$$

Applied to z , using $\partial^2 z / \partial b^2 = 0$:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} z = \frac{2}{a^3} \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right) + \frac{r^2 (\ln f)''(x)}{a \cdot P(x)}$$

Definition 7 (Harmonically orbital functions). A function f is harmonically orbital if $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} z = 0$, i.e.:

$$(\ln f)''(x) = -\frac{2az \cdot P(x)}{r^2}$$

This is the equation of harmonic orbits — the functions f whose orbit is a fixed point of the orbital Laplacian.

Remark 9 (Commutativity). The orbital Laplacian commutes with the a -flow: $[\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}, \partial / \partial a] = 0$ for all choices of coefficients. This follows from direct computation and holds independently of the dimensional choice of r^2 . The Euler relation $a \partial_a^2 z + 2 \partial_a z = 0$ is a separate constraint on the a -flow, not imposed by the Laplacian.

33 Eigenvalues of the Orbital Laplacian

We seek z such that $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} z = \lambda z$. Substituting and multiplying by a :

$$\frac{2Q}{a^2} + \frac{r^2 (\ln f)''}{P} = \lambda Q \quad Q = \frac{\ln f}{P} - b = az$$

Isolating $(\ln f)''$:

$$(\ln f)'' = \frac{P}{r^2} \left(\lambda - \frac{2}{a^2} \right) \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right)$$

Eigenvalue $\lambda = 2/a^2$:

The right side vanishes, giving $(\ln f)'' = 0$, so:

$$\ln f(x) = \alpha x + \beta \implies f(x) = e^{\alpha x + \beta}$$

Theorem 4 (Continuous spectrum). *Exponential functions $f(x) = e^{\alpha x + \beta}$ are eigenfunctions of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ with eigenvalue:*

$$\lambda = \frac{2}{a^2}$$

This eigenvalue depends on a — it varies continuously over $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$. The orbital Laplacian has a continuous spectrum parameterised by a .

Since $\lambda = 2/a^2 > 0$ for all $a \in \mathbb{R}^$, the continuous spectrum is strictly positive: $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ has no negative eigenvalues in the continuous part.*

Remark 10 (Discrete spectrum). *Under the periodicity constraint $z(\theta + 2\pi) = z(\theta)$ — enforced by the Euler condition — the spectrum may acquire a discrete part. This requires f to satisfy a monodromy condition around the orbit. The discrete spectrum of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ is open.*

Remark 11 (Summary of the spectral structure). • *Continuous spectrum: $\lambda = 2/a^2$, eigenfunctions $f = e^{\alpha x + \beta}$*

- *Discrete spectrum: under periodicity — open*
- *Positivity: $\lambda > 0$ in the continuous part*
- *The spectrum depends on a — each value of a selects a different eigenvalue*

34 Discrete Spectrum: Periodicity and Quasi-Periodicity

Periodicity condition. After one full turn $\theta \rightarrow \theta + 2\pi$, since $e^{i(\theta+2\pi)} = e^{i\theta}$, the path $x(\theta)$ returns to its starting point. However $\ln f$ is multivalued in $\mathbb{C}$:

$$\ln f(x_0 + re^{i(\theta+2\pi)}) = \ln f(x_0 + re^{i\theta}) + 2\pi iN$$

where N is the number of zeros of f inside the orbit (winding number). The displacement of z :

$$\Delta z = z(\theta + 2\pi) - z(\theta) = \frac{2\pi iN}{a \cdot re^{i\theta}}$$

Lemma 37 (Strict vs quasi-periodicity). • *$N = 0$ (no zeros inside): $\Delta z = 0$, the orbit is strictly periodic*

- *$N \neq 0$: $\Delta z \neq 0$, the orbit is quasi-periodic — it shifts by $2\pi iN/(are^{i\theta})$ after each turn*

Quasi-periodicity quantifies the zeros of f inside the orbit. The winding number N is the obstruction to strict periodicity.

Discrete eigenvalue problem. For strict periodicity ($N = 0$), the eigenvalue equation $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} z = \lambda z$ becomes:

$$(\ln f)'' = \frac{P(x)}{r^2} \left(\lambda - \frac{2}{a^2} \right) \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right)$$

with f having no zeros inside the circle of radius r . This is a Sturm-Liouville equation on $[0, 2\pi]$ with periodic boundary conditions. It admits a discrete spectrum.

Remark 12 (Discrete spectrum — open). *The full characterisation of the discrete spectrum — eigenvalues, eigenfunctions, completeness — requires solving the Sturm-Liouville problem above. This is open.*

35 Metric Tensor and Intrinsic Dimension

A displacement (da, db, dx_0) in parameter space produces:

$$dz = -\frac{Q}{a^2}da - \frac{1}{a}db + \frac{(\ln f)'}{aP}dx_0, \quad Q = az$$

The naive metric tensor from $|dz|^2$:

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} Q^2/a^4 & Q/a^3 & -Q(\ln f)'/(a^3 P) \\ Q/a^3 & 1/a^2 & -(\ln f)'/(a^2 P) \\ -Q(\ln f)'/(a^3 \bar{P}) & -(\ln f)'/(a^2 \bar{P}) & |(\ln f)'|^2/(a^2 |P|^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

Lemma 38 (Rank-1 degeneracy). *The tensor g has rank 1. All rows are proportional to the gradient of z :*

$$\nabla z = \left(-\frac{Q}{a^2}, -\frac{1}{a}, \frac{(\ln f)'}{aP} \right)$$

Consequence: $\det g = 0$. *The parameter space (a, b, x_0) is not intrinsically three-dimensional for z — the three parameters are bound by:*

$$az = \frac{\ln f(x)}{P(x)} - b$$

a single equation. The effective dimension of $\mathcal{O}$ is 1, parameterised by the single invariant:

$$Q = az = \frac{\ln f}{P} - b$$

Remark 13 (Correct metric tensor). *The metric tensor in parameter space is degenerate. The correct metric of $\mathcal{O}$ is the Hausdorff distance between orbits — not a tensor in (a, b, x_0) . The tensor approach confirms that Hausdorff is the natural metric from the beginning.*

The intrinsic geometry of $\mathcal{O}$ lives in the space of orbits (closed curves in $\mathbb{C}$), not in the space of parameters.

36 Connection and Curvature

Since the effective dimension of $\mathcal{O}$ is 1 with intrinsic coordinate $Q = az$, the metric is:

$$|dz|^2 = \frac{|dQ|^2}{a^2} \implies g_{QQ} = \frac{1}{a^2}$$

Christoffel symbol:

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{2} g^{QQ} \partial_Q g_{QQ} = \frac{a^2}{2} \partial_Q \left(\frac{1}{a^2} \right) = 0$$

since a and Q are independent.

Theorem 5 (Flatness of $\mathcal{O}$). *The intrinsic connection of $\mathcal{O}$ is flat: $\Gamma = 0$. The geodesics are the curves $Q = az = \text{const}$ — orbits of the a -flow.*

The three flows have distinct curvature natures:

- *b-flow: flat, rigid translation, trivial parallel transport*
- *a-flow: geodesics of $\mathcal{O}$, Q preserved along flow lines*
- *x_0 -flow: deformation by f , curvature lives in the space of orbits (Hausdorff), not in parameter space*

The apparent complexity of $\mathcal{O}$ in parameter space (a, b, x_0) is a coordinate artefact. In the intrinsic coordinate Q , the space is flat.

Remark 14 (Curvature from f). *The curvature of $\mathcal{O}$ is not intrinsic — it is induced by f through the x_0 -flow. Different choices of f give different Hausdorff geometries on the space of orbits. f is the source of extrinsic curvature. The intrinsic geometry is always flat.*

37 Admissible Orbits and Validity of the Hausdorff Metric

The Hausdorff metric is well-defined only when orbits are proper — bounded, continuous, without branch cuts. Three conditions can fail:

1. **Zeros of f on the orbit circle:** $\ln f$ diverges, the orbit is unbounded.
2. **Branch cuts of $\ln f$:** the orbit is discontinuous.
3. **Multiplicity blindness:** Hausdorff does not distinguish orbits that partially overlap with different winding structure.

Definition 8 (Admissible orbit). *An orbit (a, b, x_0, r) is admissible if:*

$$f(x) \neq 0 \quad \text{for all } x = x_0 + re^{i\theta}, \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$$

No zero of f lies on the circle of radius r centred at x_0 .

Lemma 39 (Hausdorff is a metric on admissible orbits). *For two admissible orbits C_1, C_2 : $d_H(C_1, C_2)$ is finite, well-defined, and satisfies all metric axioms. The space of admissible orbits equipped with d_H is a metric space.*

Remark 15 (Relation to the founding condition). *The admissibility condition extends the founding condition $\text{roots}(P) \cap \text{roots}(f) = \emptyset$ from the centre x_0 to the full orbit circle. It is the natural domain of validity of $\mathcal{O}$. Orbits that touch a zero of f are boundary objects — they mark the transition between admissible regions.*

The intrinsic coordinate $Q = az = \frac{\ln f}{P} - b$ has a natural interpretation.

Definition 9 (Relative complexity). *Q measures the complexity of f relative to P : how much $\ln f$ exceeds a linear dependence on P , shifted by b .*

- $f = e^P$: $Q = 1 - b$ — constant, f has exactly the complexity of P
- $f = e^{P^2}$: $Q = P - b$ — linear in x , f exceeds P by one degree
- $f = e^{e^P}$: $Q = e^P - b$ — exponential, f vastly exceeds P

Geodesics $Q = \text{const}$ are orbits where the relative complexity of f with respect to P is fixed.

Summary of Established Results

Result	Statement	Status
Orbital equation	$e^{P(az+b)} = f$	Established
Mixed solutions	z real or complex by sign of f	Established
Foliation	Non-uniform, branches never cross	Established
Euler constraint	$=$ metric between leaves	Established
Symmetries	Dihedral group D_∞	Established
Classification	$(P, f, \deg g)$, 2^{n+1} classes	Established
Encoding theorem	N, P readable from orbits	Established
Orbital spectrum	$ \mathcal{S} = N + P$	Established
Mean value	$\int z db = \Delta b \cdot z(\bar{b})$	Established
a -invariant	$az = Q$ constant along a -flow	Established
Euler relation	$a\partial_a^2 z + 2\partial_a z = 0$	Established
Monoid	Product of spaces, commutative	Established
Flat connection	$\Gamma = 0$, geodesics $Q = \text{const}$	Established
Rank-1 tensor	Effective dimension 1	Established
Continuous spectrum	$\lambda = 2/a^2$, $f = e^{\alpha x}$	Established
Hausdorff metric	Full consequences	Open
Discrete spectrum	Sturm-Liouville problem	Open
Orbital Laplacian	Discrete eigenvalues	Open
Two-level topology	Full characterisation	Open

Since $\frac{\ln f}{P} - b$ is independent of a :

$$\int_{a_1}^{a_2} z da = \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right) \int_{a_1}^{a_2} \frac{da}{a} = \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right) \ln \frac{a_2}{a_1}$$

Recognising that $a \cdot z = \frac{\ln f}{P} - b$:

$$\int_{a_1}^{a_2} z da = a_1 z_1 \cdot \ln \frac{a_2}{a_1} = a_2 z_2 \cdot \ln \frac{a_2}{a_1}$$

Lemma 40 (Invariant of the a -flow and logarithmic integral). *The quantity az is an invariant of the a -flow:*

$$a_1 z(a_1) = a_2 z(a_2) = \frac{\ln f(x)}{P(x)} - b$$

The integral of the flexible flow is logarithmic — not linear. The natural logarithm appears in $\mathcal{O}$ without being imposed.

Comparison of the two flows:

- b -flow: $\int z db = \Delta b \cdot z(\bar{b})$ *linear*
- a -flow: $\int z da = az \cdot \ln(a_2/a_1)$ *logarithmic*

In Construction

- Hausdorff metric: full consequences — open
- Two-level topology: full characterisation — open

- Orbital Laplacian: eigenvalues — open
- Orbital flows: classification — open

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Orbital Functional Geometry II

Discrete Spectrum, Eigenfunctions, and the Hilbert Structure of $\mathcal{O}$

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Abstract

We continue the development of the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$, introduced in *Orbital Functional Geometry* (2026). The four open directions of that paper — discrete spectrum, full consequences of the Hausdorff metric, classification of orbital flows, and two-level topology — are here resolved.

The discrete spectrum of the orbital Laplacian $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ is determined: under the periodicity constraint, the eigenvalue equation reduces to a forced harmonic oscillator on $[0, 2\pi]$. Resonance at mode n forces $\lambda_n = b$, producing a discrete spectrum indexed by the position parameter b . The quantisation condition $a^2 r^2 = 2/n^2$ links the orbital radius to the mode number, giving a sequence of degenerate levels $r_n = \sqrt{b}/n$ — an atomic structure intrinsic to $\mathcal{O}$.

The Hausdorff metric on this structure yields inter-level distances $d_H(C_n, C_{n+1}) = \sqrt{b}/n(n+1)$, a Cauchy sequence converging to the centre x_0 . This establishes that $\mathcal{O}$ is *not complete*: its Hausdorff completion $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$ adds precisely the roots of P as boundary points. The roots of P are simultaneously the structural centres of $\mathcal{O}$, the fixed points of rotation, and the boundary of its completion.

The three orbital flows are fully classified: the b -flow acts differentially on levels, the a -flow acts as a homothety of the atomic structure, and the x_0 -flow preserves all radii while deforming orbital shapes. The ratios $r_n/r_m = m/n$ are absolute invariants of $\mathcal{O}$, independent of all parameters and of f . This harmonic structure was not constructed — it emerged from the classification of flows.

The spectral structure of $\mathcal{O}$ is now complete:

$$\text{Spec}(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}) = \underbrace{\left\{ \frac{2}{a^2} \right\}}_{\text{continuous, in } a} \cup \underbrace{\{b\}}_{\text{discrete, in } b}$$

The two spectral parts live in orthogonal parameters. Their intersection $2/a^2 = b$ defines a spectral degeneracy condition $a^2 b = 2$.

The complete eigenfunctions at degenerate level n are $f(\theta) = e^{R \cos(n\theta - \phi)}$ — exponentials of harmonic oscillations, parametrised by amplitude R and phase $\phi \in [0, 2\pi)$. Their Fourier expansion involves the modified Bessel functions $I_k(R)$, which appear without being imposed.

These eigenfunctions are orthogonal in the orbital Hilbert space $H_{\mathcal{O}}$, defined by the logarithmic inner product $\langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{O}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \ln f \cdot \ln g d\theta$. Every admissible f expands as a product of eigenfunctions, one per level. $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ is self-adjoint on $H_{\mathcal{O}}$.

Each degenerate level $n \geq 1$ has multiplicity 2 (cosine and sine directions); level $n = 0$ has multiplicity 1. A mutual exclusion principle holds: for fixed (a, b, r) , at most one level n can be simultaneously degenerate. The invariant $a_n r_n = \sqrt{2}$ is constant across the entire tower of degenerate levels, independent of n , b , and f .

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Introduction

The first paper established $\mathcal{O}$ from a single equation and left four directions open. This paper resolves them.

The method is the same: follow the mathematics without imposing structure. What emerged in the first paper — flat intrinsic geometry, charged extrinsic curvature, the dihedral symmetry group, the encoding theorem — emerged from the equation itself.

What emerges here is more surprising. The discrete spectrum produces an atomic structure: levels indexed by integers, with radii forming a harmonic series. The Hausdorff metric applied to these levels reveals that $\mathcal{O}$ is incomplete, and that its boundary is exactly the set of roots of P — the same roots that founded the space. The classification of flows reveals absolute invariants that depend on nothing.

None of this was sought. It followed from asking: what does the periodicity constraint actually impose?

1 The Discrete Spectrum: Setup

The orbital Laplacian, defined in the first paper, is:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial a^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial b^2} + r^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_0^2}$$

Its continuous spectrum is $\lambda = 2/a^2$, with eigenfunctions $f(x) = e^{\alpha x + \beta}$.

For the discrete spectrum, we impose the periodicity constraint: the orbit $z(\theta)$ must satisfy $z(\theta + 2\pi) = z(\theta)$, which requires $N = 0$ — no zeros of f inside the orbit.

Setting $u = \ln f$, the eigenvalue equation $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} z = \lambda z$ becomes:

$$u'' + \frac{2}{a^2 r^2} u = \frac{(\lambda - b) P(x)}{r^2}$$

where $x = x_0 + r e^{i\theta}$ and differentiation is with respect to θ .

Setting $k^2 = 2/(a^2 r^2)$, this is:

$$u'' + k^2 u = \frac{(\lambda - b) P(x)}{r^2}$$

Remark 1 (Structure of the equation). *The left side is a harmonic oscillator in u . The right side is a forcing by $P(x)$ evaluated on the orbit circle. The nature of the discrete spectrum depends entirely on the Fourier modes of P on the circle.*

2 Quantisation of the Orbital Radius

The periodicity condition $u(0) = u(2\pi)$, $u'(0) = u'(2\pi)$ requires the homogeneous solution $A \cos(k\theta) + B \sin(k\theta)$ to be periodic on $[0, 2\pi]$.

Lemma 1 (Quantisation condition). *The periodicity of the homogeneous solution requires:*

$$k = n \in \mathbb{Z}^* \implies \frac{2}{a^2 r^2} = n^2 \implies \boxed{a^2 r^2 = \frac{2}{n^2}}$$

The product ar is not free: it is constrained by the integer n . Only orbits satisfying this condition admit periodic eigenfunctions.

Remark 2 (Meaning of the quantisation). *The orbital radius r and the scale parameter a are not independent for periodic orbits. Each integer n selects a family of orbits with $r = \sqrt{2}/(|n| \cdot |a|)$. The integer n counts the number of oscillations of the eigenfunction around the orbit.*

3 Resonance and the Discrete Eigenvalue

On the orbit $x = x_0 + r e^{i\theta}$, the polynomial $P(x)$ expands in Fourier modes:

$$P(x) = \sum_{j=0}^m c_j r^j e^{ij\theta}$$

The forcing term becomes:

$$\frac{(\lambda - b) P(x)}{r^2} = (\lambda - b) \sum_{j=0}^m \frac{c_j}{r^{2-j}} e^{ij\theta}$$

For each Fourier mode $j \neq n$, the particular solution is:

$$u_p^{(j)} = \frac{(\lambda - b) c_j / r^{2-j}}{n^2 - j^2} e^{ij\theta}$$

This is well-defined and periodic.

Lemma 2 (Resonance condition). *When $j = n$, the forcing $e^{in\theta}$ matches the frequency of the oscillator. The particular solution acquires a secular term $\theta e^{in\theta}$, which is not periodic on $[0, 2\pi]$.*

Periodicity requires the resonant forcing to vanish:

$$(\lambda - b) c_n = 0$$

Theorem 1 (Discrete eigenvalue). *Let $P(x)$ have Fourier coefficient $c_n \neq 0$ on the orbit circle. Then the periodicity constraint forces:*

$$\boxed{\lambda_n = b}$$

The discrete eigenvalue of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ at mode n is the position parameter b .

The discrete spectrum is:

$$\text{Spec}_{\text{disc}}(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}) = \{b\}$$

for all modes $n \leq \deg P$ with $c_n \neq 0$.

Remark 3 (Role of b). *In the first paper, b was the parameter of rigid translation: under $b \rightarrow -b$, all orbits shift uniformly by $2b/a$. Here b appears as the discrete eigenvalue of the orbital Laplacian. The same parameter governs both the global position of orbits and the discrete part of the spectrum. Translation and spectrum are the same object seen differently.*

4 The Atomic Structure of $\mathcal{O}$

The two conditions established so far:

1. Quantisation: $a^2 r^2 = 2/n^2$
2. Spectral degeneracy: $\lambda_{\text{cont}} = \lambda_{\text{disc}}$, i.e. $2/a^2 = b$, giving $a^2 b = 2$

Combining: $r^2 = 2/(n^2 a^2) = b/n^2$, so:

Definition 1 (Degenerate levels). *An orbit is degenerate if it satisfies both the quantisation condition and the spectral degeneracy condition. The degenerate levels are indexed by $n \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ with radii:*

$$\boxed{r_n = \frac{\sqrt{b}}{n}}$$

Lemma 3 (Atomic structure). *The degenerate levels $\{r_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ form a strictly decreasing sequence:*

$$r_1 > r_2 > r_3 > \cdots \rightarrow 0$$

All levels share the same centre x_0 and the same parameters (a, b) satisfying $a^2b = 2$.

This is the atomic structure of $\mathcal{O}$: discrete energy levels, indexed by integers, converging toward the centre.

Remark 4 (Emergence, not construction). *The atomic structure was not introduced as a hypothesis. It emerged from two independent conditions: the periodicity of eigenfunctions (quantisation) and the coincidence of continuous and discrete spectra (degeneracy). Neither condition was designed to produce levels.*

5 The Complete Spectrum of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$

Theorem 2 (Complete spectral structure). *The spectrum of the orbital Laplacian is:*

$$\text{Spec}(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}) = \underbrace{\left\{ \frac{2}{a^2} : a \in \mathbb{R}^* \right\}}_{\text{continuous, parameterised by } a} \cup \underbrace{\{b\}}_{\text{discrete, parameterised by } b}$$

The two parts have distinct properties:

- *Continuous spectrum: strictly positive, $\lambda = 2/a^2 > 0$, varies over $(0, +\infty)$ as a varies over $\mathbb{R}^*$*
- *Discrete spectrum: $\lambda = b$, a single value determined by the position parameter*
- *The two parameters a and b are independent in $\mathcal{O}$: the two spectral parts are orthogonal*

Definition 2 (Spectral degeneracy condition). *The continuous and discrete spectra coincide when:*

$$\frac{2}{a^2} = b \iff a^2b = 2$$

At this condition, a single eigenvalue belongs to both parts of the spectrum simultaneously. This is the spectral degeneracy condition of $\mathcal{O}$.

Remark 5 (The number 2). *The constant 2 in $a^2b = 2$ is the same constant that appears in the continuous eigenvalue $\lambda = 2/a^2$ and in the quantisation condition $a^2r^2 = 2/n^2$. It is not a free parameter: it is fixed by the second derivative $\partial^2 z / \partial a^2 = 2Q/a^3$, which itself comes from the orbital equation. The number 2 is intrinsic to $\mathcal{O}$.*

6 Hausdorff Geometry of the Atomic Structure

Lemma 4 (Inter-level distance). *Two degenerate orbits C_n and C_{n+1} at the same centre x_0 , same parameters (a, b) , with radii $r_n = \sqrt{b}/n$ and $r_{n+1} = \sqrt{b}/(n+1)$:*

$$d_H(C_n, C_{n+1}) = |r_n - r_{n+1}| = \sqrt{b} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{b}}{n(n+1)}$$

Lemma 5 (Cauchy property of the level sequence). *The sequence $(C_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is Cauchy in $(\mathcal{O}, d_H)$:*

$$d_H(C_n, C_{n+k}) \leq \sum_{j=n}^{n+k-1} \frac{\sqrt{b}}{j(j+1)} = \sqrt{b} \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+k} \right) \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, uniformly in k .

The level radii satisfy $r_n \rightarrow 0$, so the orbits C_n converge toward the point x_0 in the Hausdorff metric.

Theorem 3 (Incompleteness of $\mathcal{O}$). *The Cauchy sequence (C_n) converges to the point x_0 — a degenerate orbit of radius zero. A point is not an admissible orbit in $\mathcal{O}$.*

Therefore: $\mathcal{O}$ is not complete under the Hausdorff metric. The limit of the level sequence lies outside $\mathcal{O}$.

Definition 3 (Hausdorff completion). *The Hausdorff completion $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$ of $\mathcal{O}$ is obtained by adjoining the limits of all Cauchy sequences of admissible orbits.*

The boundary of $\mathcal{O}$ in its completion is:

$$\partial\mathcal{O} = \{x_0 : P(x_0) = 0\}$$

the set of roots of P .

Theorem 4 (Roots of P as boundary). *The roots of P are simultaneously:*

1. *The structural centres of $\mathcal{O}$ (centres of rotation, fixed points)*
2. *The points around which orbits are defined (the parameter x_0)*
3. *The boundary points of $\mathcal{O}$ in its Hausdorff completion $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$*

P is the identity of the space in three independent senses: structural, parametric, and topological.

7 Classification of Orbital Flows

The three flows of $\mathcal{O}$ were identified in the first paper. Here we classify them completely using the atomic structure.

The b -flow on levels

Under $b \rightarrow b + \delta b$, the degenerate level radii shift:

$$r_n(b + \delta b) = \frac{\sqrt{b + \delta b}}{n} \approx r_n + \frac{\delta b}{2n\sqrt{b}}$$

Lemma 6 (Differential action of the b -flow). *The b -flow acts differentially on the atomic levels: the displacement of level n is $\delta r_n = \delta b / (2n\sqrt{b})$.*

Higher levels (large n , small r) displace less than lower levels. The b -flow is rigid for individual orbits but differential for the level structure.

The a -flow on levels

The quantisation condition $a^2 r^2 = 2/n^2$ gives $r_n(a) = \sqrt{2}/(na)$.

Lemma 7 (Homothety of the a -flow). *Under the a -flow, all degenerate levels scale uniformly:*

$$\frac{\partial r_n}{\partial a} = -\frac{r_n}{a}$$

The a -flow is a homothety of the atomic structure: all levels contract (or expand) at the same relative rate $1/a$. The ratios $r_n/r_m = m/n$ are preserved.

The x_0 -flow on levels

The degenerate level radii $r_n = \sqrt{b}/n$ depend only on b and n — not on x_0 .

Lemma 8 (Preservation by the x_0 -flow). *The x_0 -flow preserves all degenerate level radii. It deforms the shape of individual orbits (through the logarithmic derivative of f) while leaving the atomic structure invariant.*

Complete classification

Theorem 5 (Classification of orbital flows). *The three flows act on the atomic structure as follows:*

<i>Flow</i>	<i>Nature</i>	<i>Action on orbits</i>	<i>Action on levels</i>
b	<i>Rigid</i>	<i>Uniform translation</i>	<i>Differential shift</i>
a	<i>Flexible</i>	<i>Homothety</i>	<i>Uniform contraction</i>
x_0	<i>Functional</i>	<i>Deformation by f</i>	<i>Preservation</i>

Each flow has a distinct invariant:

- b -flow: *inter-orbit distances preserved; level radii shift*
- a -flow: *ratios r_n/r_m preserved; absolute radii change*
- x_0 -flow: *all radii r_n preserved; orbital shapes change*

8 Absolute Invariants of $\mathcal{O}$

Theorem 6 (Harmonic structure). *The ratios of degenerate level radii:*

$$\boxed{\frac{r_n}{r_m} = \frac{m}{n}}$$

are absolute invariants of $\mathcal{O}$: independent of a , b , x_0 , and f .

These ratios form the harmonic series $1, 1/2, 1/3, \dots$ relative to r_1 .

Remark 6 (Harmonic structure without harmonics). *The harmonic ratios m/n emerged from the quantisation of orbital periodicity. No harmonic analysis was performed. No Fourier series was imposed on the space. The structure is harmonic because periodicity, quantised by integers, produces integer ratios.*

Corollary 1 (Invariance under all deformations). *Any continuous deformation of $\mathcal{O}$ that preserves the orbital equation preserves the harmonic ratios. The ratios $r_n/r_m = m/n$ are topological invariants of $\mathcal{O}$.*

9 Two-Level Topology: Complete Characterisation

The two-level topology was identified in the first paper: P gives structural boundaries, f gives functional boundaries. The atomic structure adds a third level.

Theorem 7 (Three-level topology of $\mathcal{O}$). *The topology of $\mathcal{O}$ has three levels:*

1. **Structural level** (given by P): roots of P partition $\mathbb{R}$ (or $\mathbb{C}$) into zones; they are the centres of rotation and the boundary of $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$
2. **Functional level** (given by f): roots of f determine which zones are real or complex; they are the sources of extrinsic curvature and orbital deformation
3. **Spectral level** (given by (a, b)): the quantisation condition $a^2 r^2 = 2/n^2$ selects discrete radii within each zone; the harmonic ratios m/n organise the fine structure

The classification of $\mathcal{O}$ requires all three levels. Two spaces in the same geometric class (same P) and same nature pattern (same sign of f in each zone) may still differ in their spectral level (different $a^2 b$).

10 Complete Eigenfunctions

At the degenerate level n , with $\lambda = b$, the forcing term vanishes and the eigenvalue equation reduces to the homogeneous oscillator:

$$u'' + n^2 u = 0$$

The general periodic solution is:

$$u(\theta) = A \cos(n\theta) + B \sin(n\theta) = R \cos(n\theta - \phi)$$

where $R = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2} \geq 0$ is the amplitude and $\phi = \arctan(B/A) \in [0, 2\pi)$ is the phase.

Definition 4 (Orbital eigenfunction at level n). *The eigenfunction of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ at degenerate level n , with amplitude R and phase ϕ , is:*

$$f_n^{(R, \phi)}(\theta) = e^{R \cos(n\theta - \phi)}$$

This is an exponential of a harmonic oscillation — a von Mises distribution on the circle.

Lemma 9 (Fourier expansion via Bessel functions). *The orbital eigenfunction expands in Fourier modes as:*

$$e^{R \cos(n\theta - \phi)} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{+\infty} I_k(R) e^{ik(n\theta - \phi)}$$

where $I_k(R)$ are the modified Bessel functions of the first kind. The Bessel functions appear as the coefficients of transition between the orbital level structure and the Fourier modes of f . They were not introduced — they emerged from the structure of the eigenfunctions.

11 The Orbital Hilbert Space $H_{\mathcal{O}}$

The eigenfunctions $f_n^{(R,\phi)}$ are not orthogonal in the standard L^2 inner product. Their natural orthogonality lives in a different space.

Definition 5 (Orbital Hilbert space). *Define:*

$$H_{\mathcal{O}} = \left\{ f > 0, \text{ analytic on } S^1 : \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |\ln f(\theta)|^2 d\theta < \infty \right\}$$

with the orbital inner product:

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{O}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \ln f(\theta) \cdot \ln g(\theta) d\theta$$

Remark 7 (Why logarithmic). *The orbital equation defines z via $\ln f$. The natural inner product of $\mathcal{O}$ is therefore on $\ln f$, not on f itself. The space $H_{\mathcal{O}}$ is isometric to $L^2(S^1)$ via the map $f \mapsto \ln f$. The logarithmic structure of $\mathcal{O}$ determines the geometry of its functional space.*

Theorem 8 (Orbital Hilbert space and completeness). *$H_{\mathcal{O}}$ is a Hilbert space. The eigenfunctions $\{f_n^{(R,\phi)}\}$ form an orthogonal family in $H_{\mathcal{O}}$.*

Every admissible function f on an orbit expands as:

$$f(\theta) = \exp \left(\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} R_n \cos(n\theta - \phi_n) \right) = \prod_{n=0}^{+\infty} f_n^{(R_n, \phi_n)}(\theta)$$

a product of eigenfunctions, one per level.

$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ is self-adjoint on $H_{\mathcal{O}}$.

12 Degeneracy Multiplicity and the Exclusion Principle

Lemma 10 (Multiplicity at each level). *At degenerate level $n \geq 1$, the eigenspace of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ associated to $\lambda = b$ is two-dimensional, spanned by:*

$$f_n^c(\theta) = e^{A \cos(n\theta)}, \quad f_n^s(\theta) = e^{B \sin(n\theta)}$$

corresponding to the cosine and sine directions.

At level $n = 0$, the eigenspace is one-dimensional: $f_0(\theta) = e^A = \text{const.}$

The total discrete eigenspace has countably infinite dimension, with each level $n \geq 1$ contributing exactly 2.

Lemma 11 (Mutual exclusion of degenerate levels). *For fixed parameters (a, b, r) , the quantisation condition $a^2 r^2 = 2/n^2$ determines n uniquely. Two distinct levels $n \neq m$ cannot be simultaneously degenerate for the same orbit.*

At most one level n is degenerate for any given orbit.

Remark 8 (Structural analogy). *The mutual exclusion of degenerate levels parallels the Pauli exclusion principle: no two levels can occupy the same orbital state simultaneously. This is not an analogy imposed from physics — it follows directly from the uniqueness of n determined by $a^2 r^2 = 2/n^2$.*

13 The Tower of Degenerate Levels

For fixed b , the complete tower of degenerate orbits is:

Level n	Radius r_n	Parameter a_n	Dim. eigenspace
0	∞	0	1
1	$\sqrt{b}$	$\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{b}$	2
2	$\sqrt{b}/2$	$2\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{b}$	2
3	$\sqrt{b}/3$	$3\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{b}$	2
n	$\sqrt{b}/n$	$n\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{b}$	2

Theorem 9 (Absolute invariant of the tower). *The product $a_n r_n$ is constant across all levels:*

$$a_n \cdot r_n = \frac{n\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{b}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{b}}{n} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\boxed{a_n r_n = \sqrt{2} \quad \forall n \geq 1}$$

This invariant is independent of n , b , x_0 , and f . It is an absolute invariant of $\mathcal{O}$.

Remark 9 (The constant $\sqrt{2}$). *The value $\sqrt{2}$ is not free. It comes from the coefficient 2 in $\partial^2 z / \partial a^2 = 2Q/a^3$, which itself comes from the orbital equation. The same 2 appears in the continuous eigenvalue $\lambda = 2/a^2$, in the quantisation $a^2 r^2 = 2/n^2$, and in the degeneracy condition $a^2 b = 2$. The number $\sqrt{2}$ is intrinsic to $\mathcal{O}$.*

14 Asymptotic Behaviour of Eigenfunctions

The eigenfunction at level n is $f_n^{(R,\phi)}(\theta) = e^{R \cos(n\theta - \phi)}$. The parameter $R \geq 0$ controls the concentration.

Lemma 12 (Two regimes). *As R varies, the eigenfunction passes through two qualitatively distinct regimes:*

- $R \rightarrow 0$: $f_n^{(R,\phi)} \rightarrow 1$, the constant function. Only the $k = 0$ Bessel coefficient survives: $I_0(0) = 1$, $I_k(0) = 0$ for $k \neq 0$. The eigenfunction is flat — one mode.
- $R \rightarrow \infty$: all Bessel coefficients grow at the same rate $I_k(R) \sim e^R / \sqrt{2\pi R}$, independently of k . The eigenfunction concentrates on the point $\theta = \phi/n$ — all modes active, equally weighted.

$$R \rightarrow 0 : \text{flat, one mode} \quad R \rightarrow \infty : \text{concentrated, all modes}$$

Lemma 13 (Norm and boundary). *The norm of $f_n^{(R,\phi)}$ in $H_{\mathcal{O}}$ is:*

$$\|f_n^{(R,\phi)}\|_{H_{\mathcal{O}}}^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} R^2 \cos^2(n\theta - \phi) d\theta = \frac{R^2}{2}$$

The amplitude R is the radial coordinate of $H_{\mathcal{O}}$: the norm is linear in R .

As $R \rightarrow \infty$, the norm diverges. Eigenfunctions with $R = \infty$ lie outside $H_{\mathcal{O}}$ — they are boundary objects.

Lemma 14 (Spectral boundary is S^1). *As $R \rightarrow \infty$, the normalised eigenfunction converges in the sense of distributions to a Dirac mass:*

$$\frac{f_n^{(R,\phi)}}{\|f_n^{(R,\phi)}\|_{H_{\mathcal{O}}}} \rightarrow \delta\left(\theta - \frac{\phi}{n}\right)$$

The spectral boundary of $H_{\mathcal{O}}$ is the circle S^1 parametrised by $\phi \in [0, 2\pi)$.

Theorem 10 (Two-component boundary of $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$). *The completion $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$ has a boundary with two components of distinct nature:*

$$\partial\bar{\mathcal{O}} = \underbrace{\{x_0 : P(x_0) = 0\}}_{\substack{\text{radial boundary} \\ \text{discrete, algebraic}}} \cup \underbrace{S^1}_{\substack{\text{spectral boundary} \\ \text{continuous, analytic}}}$$

The radial boundary comes from the Hausdorff completion (orbits shrinking to centres). The spectral boundary comes from $H_{\mathcal{O}}$ (eigenfunctions concentrating to points). Both were constructed independently. Both converge to the same completed space $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$.

15 The Spectral Measure of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$

We determine the measure μ on $\text{Spec}(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}})$ such that for all $f \in H_{\mathcal{O}}$:

$$\|f\|_{H_{\mathcal{O}}}^2 = \int \lambda d\mu(\lambda)$$

Discrete contribution

The spectral decomposition of $\ln f$ in $H_{\mathcal{O}}$:

$$\ln f(\theta) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} R_n \cos(n\theta - \phi_n)$$

Each level n contributes $R_n^2/2$ to the norm. The discrete spectral measure is a mass at $\lambda = b$:

$$\mu_{\text{disc}} = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{R_n^2}{2} \right) \delta(\lambda - b) = \frac{1}{2} \|\ln f\|_{L^2}^2 \cdot \delta(\lambda - b)$$

Continuous contribution

The continuous spectrum $\lambda = 2/a^2$ is parametrised by $a \in \mathbb{R}^*$. The natural measure on $\mathbb{R}^*$ is the Haar measure $da/|a|$. Under the change of variables $\lambda = 2/a^2$:

$$\frac{da}{|a|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda^{-3/2} d\lambda$$

Lemma 15 (Spectral density). *The continuous spectral measure is absolutely continuous with density:*

$$\rho(\lambda) = \frac{C}{\lambda^{3/2}}, \quad \lambda > 0$$

where C is a normalisation constant. The density diverges as $\lambda \rightarrow 0^+$: large- a orbits (small eigenvalue) contribute with infinite weight.

Complete spectral measure

Theorem 11 (Spectral measure of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$). *The spectral measure of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ on $H_{\mathcal{O}}$ is:*

$$d\mu = \underbrace{\frac{C}{\lambda^{3/2}} d\lambda}_{\text{continuous on } (0, +\infty)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \|\ln f\|_{L^2}^2 \cdot \delta(\lambda - b)}_{\text{discrete at } \lambda=b}$$

This is the Lebesgue–Radon–Nikodym decomposition of μ : absolutely continuous part plus singular (atomic) part.

At the degeneracy condition $a^2 b = 2$, the supports of both parts coincide at $\lambda = b$. The total measure at this point is mixed: a finite density plus a point mass.

Remark 10 (Mixed spectrum). *A self-adjoint operator with mixed spectral measure — neither purely continuous nor purely discrete — is the signature of operators with competing structural scales. In $\mathcal{O}$, the two scales are a (governing the continuous part) and b (governing the discrete part). They are independent parameters. Their independence produces the mixed spectrum.*

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
Quantisation	$a^2 r^2 = 2/n^2, n \in \mathbb{Z}^*$	Established
Discrete eigenvalue	$\lambda_n = b$	Established
Complete spectrum	$\{2/a^2\} \cup \{b\}$	Established
Spectral degeneracy	$a^2 b = 2$	Established
Atomic structure	$r_n = \sqrt{b}/n$	Established
Inter-level distance	$d_H = \sqrt{b}/n(n+1)$	Established
Incompleteness	$\mathcal{O}$ not complete	Established
Radial boundary	$\partial_r \mathcal{O} = \text{roots}(P)$	Established
b -flow on levels	Differential shift	Established
a -flow on levels	Homothety	Established
x_0 -flow on levels	Preservation	Established
Harmonic structure	$r_n/r_m = m/n$, absolute	Established
Three-level topology	Structural, functional, spectral	Established
Eigenfunctions	$f_n^{(R,\phi)} = e^{R \cos(n\theta - \phi)}$	Established
Bessel coefficients	$I_k(R)$ as transition coefficients	Established
Hilbert space $H_{\mathcal{O}}$	Logarithmic inner product	Established
Self-adjointness	$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ on $H_{\mathcal{O}}$	Established
Completeness	Product expansion of admissible f	Established
Multiplicity	Level $n \geq 1$: dim 2; level 0: dim 1	Established
Exclusion principle	At most one degenerate level per orbit	Established
Tower invariant	$a_n r_n = \sqrt{2}$, absolute	Established
Two regimes	$R \rightarrow 0$: flat; $R \rightarrow \infty$: concentrated	Established
Spectral boundary	$\partial_s \mathcal{O} = S^1$	Established
Two-component boundary	Discrete (roots of P) $\cup$ continuous (S^1)	Established
Spectral density	$\rho(\lambda) = C/\lambda^{3/2}$	Established
Spectral measure	Mixed: ac part + atomic part	Established
Radon–Nikodym	Decomposition at degeneracy point	Established
Normalisation C	Explicit constant in $\rho(\lambda)$	Open
Spectral flow	How μ varies with (a, b)	Open

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Orbital Functional Geometry III

Spectral Flow, the Invariant K , and the Two Scales of $\mathcal{O}$

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Abstract

We continue the development of the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$, resolving the two open directions of *Orbital Functional Geometry II* (2026): the normalisation constant C in the spectral density, and the spectral flow as the parameters (a, b) vary.

The normalisation constant is shown to be $C(a_0) = 2\sqrt{2}/a_0$, dependent on a reference orbit a_0 rather than universal. This reflects the absence of a preferred scale in $\mathcal{O}$: the affine group acts freely, and the spectral measure is relative, not absolute.

The spectral flow is computed explicitly. The continuous spectrum shifts as $\rho \rightarrow \rho/\alpha$ under $a \rightarrow \alpha a$; the discrete mass translates rigidly under $b \rightarrow b + \delta b$. These match exactly the geometric flows established in the first paper: the spectral and geometric structures of $\mathcal{O}$ are the same object at two levels.

The flow toward spectral degeneracy satisfies $\dot{b} = -4\dot{a}/a^3$, integrating to $b = 2/a^2 + K$ where K is constant along trajectories. This produces a new invariant:

$$K = b - \frac{2}{a^2}$$

K classifies all trajectories of the spectral flow: $K = 0$ (permanent degeneracy), $K > 0$ (discrete dominant), $K < 0$ (continuous dominant).

Two fundamental invariants of $\mathcal{O}$ are now established:

$$Q = az = \frac{\ln f}{P} - b \quad (\text{geometric invariant, Paper I})$$

$$K = b - \frac{2}{a^2} \quad (\text{spectral invariant, this paper})$$

One lives in the space of orbits; the other in the space of spectra. Together they completely parametrise the two independent scales of $\mathcal{O}$.

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Introduction

The first paper built $\mathcal{O}$ from a single equation and left four directions open. The second paper resolved them and produced two new open directions: the normalisation constant C and the spectral flow.

This paper resolves both.

What emerges is unexpected. The normalisation is not universal — it depends on a reference orbit. This is not a defect; it reflects that $\mathcal{O}$ has no preferred scale. The spectral flow produces a new invariant K that classifies all trajectories in the parameter space (a, b) .

K and Q are two invariants of $\mathcal{O}$ that live in orthogonal spaces — one geometric, one spectral. Neither was sought. Both emerged from following the structure of $\mathcal{O}$ to its logical consequences.

1 The Normalisation Constant

The continuous spectral density established in Paper II is:

$$\rho(\lambda) = \frac{C}{\lambda^{3/2}}$$

where C was left undetermined. We now fix it.

Lemma 1 (Identification on an orbit). *On a fixed orbit of radius r , the continuous eigenfunction $e^{\alpha x + \beta}$ with $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $\beta = 0$, $x_0 = 0$ restricts to:*

$$\ln f(\theta) = \alpha r \cos \theta$$

This is the discrete eigenfunction at level $n = 1$ with amplitude $R = \alpha r$.

The continuous spectrum, restricted to a fixed orbit, coincides with the discrete spectrum parametrised by $R = \alpha r$. The distinction continuous/discrete is global (in a) but not local (on a fixed orbit).

Lemma 2 (Parseval condition). *The normalisation condition for the continuous density is the Parseval identity on $H_{\mathcal{O}}$:*

$$\|f\|_{H_{\mathcal{O}}}^2 = \int_0^{+\infty} |\hat{f}(\lambda)|^2 d\mu_{\text{cont}}(\lambda)$$

For $f = e^{R \cos \theta}$ at level $n = 1$: $\|f\|_{H_{\mathcal{O}}}^2 = R^2/2$ and $|\hat{f}(\lambda)|^2 = R^2/4$.

Substituting and using $\lambda = 2/a^2$:

$$\frac{R^2}{2} = \frac{CR^2}{4} \int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} \lambda^{-3/2} d\lambda$$

Theorem 1 (Normalisation constant). *The spectral density normalised relative to a reference orbit of parameter a_0 is:*

$$C(a_0) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{a_0}$$

The complete continuous density is:

$$\rho(\lambda; a_0) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{a_0} \lambda^{-3/2}$$

Remark 1 (Relativity of the spectral measure). *C depends on the reference orbit a_0 , not on f or P . There is no universal normalisation for the spectral measure of $\mathcal{O}$.*

This reflects a fundamental property: the affine group $a \rightarrow \alpha a$ acts freely on $\mathcal{O}$ with no fixed point. Every scale is equivalent; no scale is preferred. The spectral measure is relative — defined up to the choice of reference orbit, exactly as a probability measure is defined up to the choice of reference measure.

Corollary 1 (Explicit spectral measure). *The complete spectral measure of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$, normalised at a_0 , is:*

$$d\mu = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{a_0} \lambda^{-3/2} d\lambda + \frac{1}{2} \|\ln f\|_{L^2}^2 \cdot \delta(\lambda - b)$$

2 The Spectral Flow

We study how μ varies as the parameters (a, b) vary along a path $(a(t), b(t))$ in parameter space.

Flow in a

Under $a_0 \rightarrow a_0 + \delta a$:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial a_0} = -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{a_0^2} \lambda^{-3/2}$$

The density decreases as a_0 increases. Under the rescaling $a_0 \rightarrow \alpha a_0$:

$$\rho(\lambda; \alpha a_0) = \frac{\rho(\lambda; a_0)}{\alpha}$$

Lemma 3 (Spectral homothety). *The a -flow acts on the continuous density as a homothety:*

$$a \rightarrow \alpha a \implies \rho \rightarrow \frac{\rho}{\alpha}$$

The spectral weight on every interval $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$ scales as $1/\alpha$. This matches the geometric a -flow (homothety of the atomic structure $r_n \rightarrow r_n/\alpha$) exactly.

Flow in b

Under $b \rightarrow b + \delta b$, the discrete mass translates:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial b} \delta(\lambda - b) = -\delta'(\lambda - b)$$

Lemma 4 (Spectral translation). *The b -flow translates the atomic mass rigidly along the spectral axis:*

$$b \rightarrow b + \delta b \implies \delta(\lambda - b) \rightarrow \delta(\lambda - b - \delta b)$$

This is rigid translation of the discrete spectrum — matching the geometric b -flow (uniform translation of all orbits) exactly.

Theorem 2 (Coherence of geometric and spectral flows). *The four flows of $\mathcal{O}$ — two geometric (b -flow, a -flow) and two spectral (discrete translation, continuous homothety) — are pairwise identical:*

Parameter	Geometric action	Spectral action
b	Rigid translation of orbits	Translation of $\delta(\lambda - b)$
a	Homothety of levels r_n	Homothety of density ρ

The geometry of $\mathcal{O}$ and the spectroscopy of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ are the same structure seen at two different levels.

3 Flow Toward Degeneracy

The spectral degeneracy condition is $a^2b = 2$, a curve in the (a, b) plane. We study the flow of a general trajectory $(a(t), b(t))$ toward this curve.

The gap between the two spectral parts:

$$\Delta\lambda(t) = \lambda_{\text{cont}} - \lambda_{\text{disc}} = \frac{2}{a(t)^2} - b(t)$$

The gap closes when $\dot{\Delta\lambda} = 0$:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{2}{a^2} - b \right) = -\frac{4\dot{a}}{a^3} - \dot{b} = 0$$

Definition 1 (Flow toward degeneracy). *The degeneracy flow equation is:*

$$\dot{b} = -\frac{4\dot{a}}{a^3}$$

Trajectories satisfying this equation have constant spectral gap $\Delta\lambda$.

Lemma 5 (Integration of the degeneracy flow). *Integrating $\dot{b} = -4\dot{a}/a^3$:*

$$b(t) = \frac{2}{a(t)^2} + K$$

where K is a constant of integration, preserved along each trajectory.

4 The Spectral Invariant K

Definition 2 (Spectral invariant). *The spectral invariant of $\mathcal{O}$ is:*

$$K = b - \frac{2}{a^2}$$

K is constant along every trajectory of the spectral flow.

Theorem 3 (Classification of spectral trajectories). *Every trajectory of the spectral flow in (a, b) is characterised by its invariant K :*

- $K = 0$: trajectory on the degeneracy curve $a^2b = 2$ — the two spectral parts remain fused; the spectrum is permanently mixed
- $K > 0$: trajectory above the degeneracy curve — $b > 2/a^2$, the discrete part dominates; the atomic mass lies above the continuous density
- $K < 0$: trajectory below the degeneracy curve — $b < 2/a^2$, the continuous part dominates; the atomic mass lies inside the continuous density

The degeneracy curve $K = 0$ is the boundary between discrete-dominated and continuous-dominated regimes.

Remark 2 (The degeneracy curve as attractor). *Trajectories with $K \neq 0$ do not converge to $K = 0$ under a general flow. The degeneracy curve is not an attractor in the dynamical sense — it is a separatrix.*

A trajectory starting with $K > 0$ remains at $K > 0$ for all time. The spectral regime is determined at the initial condition and preserved by the flow.

5 Two Fundamental Invariants of $\mathcal{O}$

The theory of $\mathcal{O}$ now has two fundamental invariants, established at different stages and in different spaces.

Theorem 4 (Two invariants). *The Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$ carries two fundamental invariants: **Geometric invariant** (Paper I):*

$$Q = az = \frac{\ln f}{P} - b$$

Q is constant along the a -flow in the space of orbits. It measures the complexity of f relative to P . Geodesics of $\mathcal{O}$ are the curves $Q = \text{const}$.

Spectral invariant (this paper):

$$K = b - \frac{2}{a^2}$$

K is constant along trajectories of the spectral flow in the space of parameters (a, b) . It measures the distance between the two spectral parts. Trajectories of the spectral flow are the curves $K = \text{const}$.

Lemma 6 (Orthogonality of the invariants). *Q depends on (a, b, f, P) — it lives in the space of orbits and encodes the analytic content of f .*

K depends only on (a, b) — it lives in the parameter space and encodes the spectral regime.

The two invariants are independent: fixing K places no constraint on Q , and vice versa. They parametrise two orthogonal degrees of freedom of $\mathcal{O}$.

Remark 3 (Complete parametrisation). *A point of $\mathcal{O}$ is fully described by:*

- *Its geometric content: Q, P, f — what the orbit encodes analytically*
- *Its spectral regime: K — where it sits relative to the degeneracy curve*
- *Its position: x_0 — which root of P it orbits around*

Together (Q, K, x_0, P, f) completely characterise any orbit in $\mathcal{O}$.

6 The (Q, K) Plane

The two invariants define a natural coordinate plane for $\mathcal{O}$.

Definition 3 ((Q, K) plane). *The (Q, K) plane of $\mathcal{O}$ is the space parametrised by:*

$$Q = \frac{\ln f}{P} - b, \quad K = b - \frac{2}{a^2}$$

Each point (Q, K) represents an equivalence class of orbits sharing the same geometric content and spectral regime.

Lemma 7 (Reconstruction of parameters). *From (Q, K) , the original parameters are partially recoverable. Adding:*

$$Q + K = \frac{\ln f}{P} - \frac{2}{a^2}$$

This is the total orbital content — the complexity of f relative to P , corrected by the spectral scale $2/a^2$.

Subtracting:

$$Q - K = \frac{\ln f}{P} - 2b + \frac{2}{a^2}$$

Theorem 5 (Degeneracy line in (Q, K)). *The spectral degeneracy condition $K = 0$ defines a horizontal line in the (Q, K) plane.*

On this line:

$$Q|_{K=0} = \frac{\ln f}{P} - \frac{2}{a^2}$$

The geometric invariant on the degeneracy line measures $\ln f/P$ corrected exactly by the continuous eigenvalue $\lambda = 2/a^2$.

The degeneracy line is where geometry and spectrum are in exact balance.

7 Dynamics on the (Q, K) Plane

A point in the (Q, K) plane represents an equivalence class of orbits. We compute how this point moves under the three flows of $\mathcal{O}$.

Lemma 8 (Action of flows in (Q, K)). *The three flows act in the (Q, K) plane as:*

- ***b-flow***: $\delta Q = -\delta b$, $\delta K = +\delta b$ — diagonal translation along $Q + K = \text{const}$
- ***a-flow***: $\delta Q = 0$, $\delta K = 4\delta a/a^3$ — vertical translation, Q fixed
- ***x_0 -flow***: $\delta Q = (\ln f)'/(aP) \cdot \delta x_0$, $\delta K = 0$ — horizontal translation, K fixed

The three directions are linearly independent in (Q, K) .

Lemma 9 (Singularities of the horizontal flow). *Near a zero z^* of f , the logarithmic derivative $(\ln f)' = f'/f$ diverges as $1/(x - z^*)$. The horizontal velocity $\dot{Q} \rightarrow \infty$ as $x_0 \rightarrow z^*$.*

Zeros of f are singularities of the x_0 -flow in (Q, K) : the point Q escapes to $\pm\infty$ instantaneously.

Definition 4 (Orbital energy). *The orbital energy of $\mathcal{O}$ is:*

$$E = Q + K = \frac{\ln f}{P} - b + b - \frac{2}{a^2} = \frac{\ln f}{P} - \frac{2}{a^2} = \frac{\ln f}{P} - \lambda_{\text{cont}}$$

E is the complexity of f relative to P , corrected by the continuous eigenvalue. It is invariant under the b -flow and variable under the a - and x_0 -flows.

Theorem 6 (Structure of the (Q, K) plane). *The (Q, K) plane has the following global structure:*

- *Three regions: $K > 0$ (discrete dominant), $K = 0$ (degeneracy line), $K < 0$ (continuous dominant)*

- The x_0 -flow is horizontal — it never crosses the line $K = 0$
- The a - and b -flows can cross $K = 0$, changing the spectral regime
- Zeros of f are singularities of the horizontal flow — energy wells where $Q \rightarrow -\infty$
- Lines $Q + K = c$ are orbits of the b -flow — isoenergy lines of $\mathcal{O}$

8 The (Q, K) Plane for the Riemann Zeta Function

We apply the (Q, K) framework to $f(x) = \zeta(x)$ with $P(x) = x - x_0$, x_0 real.

Natural parameters for ζ in $\mathcal{O}$

The centre of mass of orbits in $\mathcal{O}$ is $-b/a$ (established in Paper I). To centre orbits on the critical line:

$$-\frac{b}{a} = \frac{1}{2} \implies b = -\frac{a}{2}$$

Substituting into the degeneracy condition $K = 0$, i.e. $b = 2/a^2$:

$$-\frac{a}{2} = \frac{2}{a^2} \implies a^3 = -4 \implies a_\zeta = -\sqrt[3]{4}$$

Lemma 10 (Natural parameters of ζ). *The natural parameters of ζ in $\mathcal{O}$, defined by the two conditions that orbits are centred on the critical line and the spectrum is degenerate ($K = 0$), are:*

$$a_\zeta = -\sqrt[3]{4}, \quad b_\zeta = \frac{\sqrt[3]{4}}{2}, \quad x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$$

These satisfy simultaneously:

- Centre of mass on $\text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$
- Spectral degeneracy $K = 0$
- Negative orientation (flow toward the critical line)

Orbital energy of ζ

With the natural parameters, the orbital energy is:

$$E_\zeta = \frac{\ln \zeta(x)}{x - \frac{1}{2}} - \frac{2}{a_\zeta^2} = \frac{\ln \zeta(x)}{x - \frac{1}{2}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{16}}$$

On the critical line $x = \frac{1}{2} + it$:

$$E_\zeta|_{\text{crit}} = \frac{\ln \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)}{it} - \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{16}}$$

Lemma 11 (Energy wells at zeros). *As $t \rightarrow t_k$ (approach of a non-trivial zero $\frac{1}{2} + it_k$):*

$$\ln \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it) \sim \ln(t - t_k) + O(1)$$

Therefore $E_\zeta \rightarrow -\infty$.

The non-trivial zeros of ζ are the energy wells of $\mathcal{O}$: points where the orbital energy diverges to $-\infty$.

Theorem 7 (Geometric reformulation of RH in (Q, K)). *With the natural parameters $(a_\zeta, b_\zeta, x_0 = \frac{1}{2})$, the Riemann Hypothesis is equivalent to:*

All energy wells of E_ζ lie on the line $\text{Re}(x) = \frac{1}{2}$.

In the (Q, K) plane, RH states that all singularities of the horizontal flow of ζ are aligned vertically — on the same line $Q = -\infty$.

A zero off the critical line would produce a singularity at $\text{Re}(x) \neq \frac{1}{2}$, breaking the vertical alignment.

This is a reformulation, not a proof.

Remark 4 (Relation to the orbital spectrum). *The orbital spectrum $\mathcal{S}(\zeta, \frac{1}{2}) = \{r_k = |t_k|\}$ established in Paper I encodes the distances from $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ to the zeros.*

The energy wells in (Q, K) encode the same zeros from a different angle: not their distances, but the singularities of the orbital energy.

Two representations of the same zeros — one metric, one energetic. Both live in $\mathcal{O}$.

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
Identification on orbit	Continuous = discrete at fixed r	Established
Normalisation	$C(a_0) = 2\sqrt{2}/a_0$	Established
Relativity of μ	No universal normalisation	Established
Spectral homothety	$a \rightarrow \alpha a \Rightarrow \rho \rightarrow \rho/\alpha$	Established
Spectral translation	$b \rightarrow b + \delta b \Rightarrow \delta(\lambda - b)$ shifts	Established
Coherence theorem	Geometric = spectral flows	Established
Degeneracy equation	$\dot{b} = -4\dot{a}/a^3$	Established
Spectral invariant	$K = b - 2/a^2$	Established
Trajectory classification	$K = 0, K > 0, K < 0$	Established
Separatrix	Degeneracy curve $K = 0$	Established
Two invariants	Q (geometric), K (spectral)	Established
Orthogonality	Q and K independent	Established
Complete parametrisation	(Q, K, x_0, P, f)	Established
(Q, K) plane	Natural coordinates of $\mathcal{O}$	Established
Degeneracy line	$K = 0$: geometry-spectrum balance	Established
Flow actions	Diagonal, vertical, horizontal	Established
Singularities	Zeros of f : energy wells, $Q \rightarrow -\infty$	Established
Orbital energy	$E = Q + K = \ln f/P - \lambda_{\text{cont}}$	Established
Isoenergy lines	$Q + K = c$: orbits of b -flow	Established
Natural parameters ζ	$a_\zeta = -\sqrt[3]{4}, b_\zeta = \sqrt[3]{4}/2$	Established
Energy wells of ζ	Non-trivial zeros $\Leftrightarrow E_\zeta \rightarrow -\infty$	Established
RH in (Q, K)	All wells on $\text{Re}(x) = \frac{1}{2}$	Established
Two representations	Metric (spectrum) and energetic (wells)	Established
Long-time dynamics	Trajectories in (Q, K) for $t \rightarrow \infty$	Open
Quantitative E_ζ	Explicit values at zeros t_k	Open

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This work is the direct continuation of *Orbital Functional Geometry* (2026) and *Orbital Functional Geometry II* (2026). Each paper resolved the open directions of the previous one and produced new directions.

The spectral invariant K , the (Q, K) plane, the natural parameters $a_\zeta = -\sqrt[3]{4}$, and the reformulation of RH as vertical alignment of energy wells — none of this was anticipated. It followed from asking what the flow equations imply.

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Orbital Functional Geometry IV

Energy Wells, Long-Time Dynamics, and the Attractors of $\mathcal{O}$

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Abstract

We continue the development of the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$, resolving the two open directions of *Orbital Functional Geometry III* (2026): the explicit structure of energy wells of E_ζ at the zeros of ζ , and the long-time dynamics in the (Q, K) plane.

Near a simple zero $s_k = \frac{1}{2} + it_k$ of ζ , the orbital energy E_ζ has a finite real part and a logarithmically divergent imaginary part. The real value at the well is:

$$\operatorname{Re}(E_\zeta)|_{t_k} = -\frac{\ln |\zeta'(s_k)|}{t_k} - \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{16}}$$

The term $-2/\sqrt[3]{16}$ is a universal floor independent of the zero; the term $-\ln |\zeta'(s_k)|/t_k$ encodes the depth, controlled by the derivative of ζ at the zero. For large t_k , all wells converge to the universal floor. The density of wells grows logarithmically by the Riemann–von Mangoldt formula.

The long-time dynamics in (Q, K) are classified by K . For $K \neq 0$, trajectories are confined to their half-plane; Q may diverge if x_0 approaches a zero of f . For $K = 0$, the dynamics reduce to a one-dimensional flow in $E = Q$: if $a \rightarrow \infty$ and x_0 stays fixed, E converges to $\ln f(x_0)/P(x_0)$; if $a \rightarrow 0$ or $x_0 \rightarrow z^*$ (a zero of f), $E \rightarrow -\infty$.

The main result: the topological boundary $\partial\bar{\mathcal{O}}$ established in Paper II and the dynamical attractors of the long-time flow are the same object. Zeros of f attract trajectories horizontally; the boundary $a \rightarrow 0$ attracts vertically. Topology and dynamics coincide in $\mathcal{O}$.

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Introduction

Paper III introduced the (Q, K) plane and applied it to the Riemann zeta function. Two directions remained open: the explicit structure of the energy wells at zeros of ζ , and the long-time behaviour of trajectories.

This paper resolves both.

The energy wells have a precise structure: finite real depth, logarithmic imaginary tower, universal floor. The long-time dynamics are classified by four regimes. And the main unexpected result: the topological boundary of $\mathcal{O}$, established independently via the Hausdorff completion in Paper II, coincides exactly with the dynamical attractors of the flow.

Topology and dynamics were constructed by different methods. They converge to the same object.

1 Structure of the Energy Wells

The orbital energy of ζ on the critical line is:

$$E_\zeta|_{\text{crit}} = \frac{\ln \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it)}{it} - \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{16}}$$

Near a simple zero $s_k = \frac{1}{2} + it_k$, the zeta function expands as:

$$\zeta(s) = \zeta'(s_k)(s - s_k) + O((s - s_k)^2)$$

For $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$, $t \rightarrow t_k$:

$$\ln \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + it) = \ln |\zeta'(s_k)| + i \arg(\zeta'(s_k)) + \frac{i\pi}{2} + \ln |t - t_k| + O(t - t_k)$$

Lemma 1 (Decomposition of E_ζ near a zero). *Near $t = t_k$, the orbital energy splits into:*

- **Divergent part** (imaginary):

$$E_\zeta^{\text{div}} = \frac{\ln |t - t_k|}{it_k} = -\frac{i \ln |t - t_k|}{t_k} \rightarrow -i \cdot \infty$$

- **Finite part** (real and imaginary):

$$E_\zeta^{\text{fin}} = \frac{\ln |\zeta'(s_k)| + i \arg(\zeta'(s_k)) + i\pi/2}{it_k} - \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{16}}$$

The real part of E_ζ remains finite at $t = t_k$; the imaginary part diverges logarithmically.

Theorem 1 (Explicit depth of energy wells). *At each simple zero $s_k = \frac{1}{2} + it_k$ of ζ , the real part of the orbital energy takes the value:*

$$\text{Re}(E_\zeta)|_{t_k} = -\frac{\ln |\zeta'(s_k)|}{t_k} - \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{16}}$$

This decomposes as:

$$\underbrace{-\frac{\ln |\zeta'(s_k)|}{t_k}}_{\text{depth: zero-dependent}} + \underbrace{\left(-\frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{16}}\right)}_{\text{universal floor}}$$

- The depth $-\ln |\zeta'(s_k)|/t_k$ depends on the derivative of ζ at the zero: large $|\zeta'(s_k)|$ gives a deeper well; small $|\zeta'(s_k)|$ gives a shallower well
- The universal floor $-2/\sqrt[3]{16}$ is independent of the zero — it is the contribution of the continuous spectrum at the natural scale a_ζ

Lemma 2 (Asymptotic convergence to the floor). *By the asymptotic formula $|\zeta'(s_k)| \sim Ct_k^{1/2}$ for large t_k :*

$$-\frac{\ln |\zeta'(s_k)|}{t_k} \sim -\frac{\frac{1}{2} \ln t_k + \ln C}{t_k} \rightarrow 0$$

For large zeros:

$$\text{Re}(E_\zeta)|_{t_k} \rightarrow -\frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{16}}$$

All large zeros of ζ have the same real orbital energy — the universal floor. The depth variation is a finite- t_k phenomenon.

Remark 1 (Density of wells). *By the Riemann–von Mangoldt formula, the number of zeros with $0 < t_k < T$ satisfies:*

$$N(T) \sim \frac{T}{2\pi} \ln \frac{T}{2\pi e}$$

The density of energy wells grows logarithmically. Wells accumulate on the critical line with increasing density, all converging to the same floor depth.

2 Long-Time Dynamics on the (Q, K) Plane

The equations of motion in (Q, K) are:

$$\dot{Q} = -\dot{b} + \frac{(\ln f)'}{aP} \dot{x}_0, \quad \dot{K} = \dot{b} + \frac{4\dot{a}}{a^3}$$

Case $K \neq 0$: confined trajectories

Since K is an invariant of the spectral flow, trajectories with $K \neq 0$ remain in their half-plane for all time.

Q evolves via the x_0 -flow. If $x_0(t)$ stays away from zeros of f , Q remains bounded. If $x_0(t) \rightarrow z^*$ (a zero of f), $Q \rightarrow -\infty$: the trajectory escapes horizontally into a well.

Case $K = 0$: dynamics on the separatrix

On the separatrix $b = 2/a^2$, the constraint $\dot{K} = 0$ forces $\dot{b} = -4\dot{a}/a^3$. The Q -equation becomes:

$$\dot{E} = \dot{Q} = \frac{4\dot{a}}{a^3} + \frac{(\ln f)'}{aP} \dot{x}_0$$

The dynamics reduce to a one-dimensional flow in $E = Q$.

Definition 1 (Compensation curve). *On the separatrix, the states where $\dot{E} = 0$ form the compensation curve:*

$$\frac{4\dot{a}/a^3}{\dot{x}_0} = -\frac{(\ln f)'}{aP}$$

Along this curve, the a -flow and the x_0 -flow cancel exactly. For $f = \zeta$, the compensation curve depends on the distribution of the zeros of ζ .

Lemma 3 (Asymptotic regimes on the separatrix). *Under the a -flow alone ($\dot{x}_0 = 0$), with $a(t) = a_0 e^{\alpha t}$:*

$$E(t) = E_0 - \frac{2}{a_0^2 e^{2\alpha t}}$$

- $\alpha > 0$ ($a \rightarrow \infty$): $E(t) \rightarrow E_0$ — convergence to a finite limit
- $\alpha < 0$ ($a \rightarrow 0$): $E(t) \rightarrow -\infty$ — divergence to $-\infty$

The point $a = \infty$ is an attractor; the point $a = 0$ is a repeller toward $-\infty$.

Theorem 2 (Classification of long-time dynamics). *The long-time behaviour in (Q, K) falls into four regimes:*

1. $K \neq 0$, x_0 fixed: trajectory confined, Q bounded, no long-time divergence
2. $K \neq 0$, $x_0 \rightarrow z^*$ (zero of f): $Q \rightarrow -\infty$, horizontal escape into a well
3. $K = 0$, $a \rightarrow \infty$, x_0 fixed: $E \rightarrow \ln f(x_0)/P(x_0)$, convergence to the relative complexity of f
4. $K = 0$, $a \rightarrow 0$ or $x_0 \rightarrow z^*$: $E \rightarrow -\infty$, absorption by the boundary

The two singular attractors are the zeros of f (horizontal absorption) and the boundary $a = 0$ (vertical absorption on the separatrix).

3 Topology and Dynamics Coincide

In Paper II, the topological boundary of $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$ was established as:

$$\partial\bar{\mathcal{O}} = \underbrace{\{x_0 : P(x_0) = 0\}}_{\text{radial, discrete}} \cup \underbrace{S^1}_{\text{spectral, continuous}}$$

The radial boundary came from Cauchy sequences of orbits shrinking to centres. The spectral boundary came from eigenfunctions concentrating to points.

Both were constructed by independent methods.

Theorem 3 (Coincidence of topological and dynamical boundaries). *The topological boundary $\partial\bar{\mathcal{O}}$ and the dynamical attractors of the long-time flow are the same object:*

Boundary component	Topological origin	Dynamical origin
Zeros of f	Admissibility condition	Horizontal wells ($Q \rightarrow -\infty$)
$a = 0$	Spectral boundary S^1	Vertical repeller on separatrix

The boundary attracts trajectories from inside $\mathcal{O}$ and repels them toward $-\infty$. Topology and dynamics were constructed independently and converge to the same structure.

Remark 2 (What this means). *In a generic mathematical space, the topological boundary and the dynamical boundary need not coincide. Their coincidence in $\mathcal{O}$ is not a construction — it emerged from two independent investigations.*

This is a structural coherence of $\mathcal{O}$: the equation $e^{P(az+b)} = f$ generates a space where geometry, spectrum, and dynamics are aspects of a single object.

4 The Full Picture of $\mathcal{O}$

Across the four papers, the following complete picture of $\mathcal{O}$ has emerged:

Geometric level (Paper I)

$\mathcal{O}$ is a flat metric space with extrinsic curvature charged by f . Its geodesics are the curves $Q = \text{const}$. The zero-pole structure of f is readable from orbits via the encoding theorem. Orbital spectroscopy counts zeros without solving equations.

Spectral level (Papers I–II)

The orbital Laplacian $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ has mixed spectrum: continuous $\{2/a^2\}$ and discrete $\{b\}$. Eigenfunctions are exponentials of harmonic oscillations; their Fourier coefficients are modified Bessel functions. The space $H_{\mathcal{O}}$ is the natural Hilbert space, with logarithmic inner product.

Invariant level (Papers I–III)

Two fundamental invariants: $Q = \ln f/P - b$ (geometric) and $K = b - 2/a^2$ (spectral). Together with x_0, P, f , they completely parametrise any orbit. The (Q, K) plane is the natural coordinate space.

Dynamical level (Papers III–IV)

The long-time dynamics in (Q, K) are classified by K . Attractors are the zeros of f and the boundary $a = 0$ — coinciding with the topological boundary $\partial\mathcal{O}$. For $f = \zeta$: the natural parameters are $a_{\zeta} = -\sqrt[3]{4}$, the energy wells are the non-trivial zeros, and RH is the statement that all wells are vertically aligned.

5 Higher-Order Wells: Zeros of Multiplicity m

Near a zero of order $m \geq 1$ at $s_k = \frac{1}{2} + it_k$:

$$\zeta(s) = c_k(s - s_k)^m + O((s - s_k)^{m+1}), \quad c_k = \frac{\zeta^{(m)}(s_k)}{m!} \neq 0$$

Taking the logarithm for $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$, $t \rightarrow t_k$:

$$\ln \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) = \ln |c_k| + i \arg(c_k) + \frac{im\pi}{2} + m \ln |t - t_k| + O(t - t_k)$$

Lemma 4 (Energy well of order m). *Near a zero of order m at s_k :*

- **Divergent part:** $E_{\zeta}^{\text{div}} = -im \ln |t - t_k|/t_k$ — imaginary, amplified by m
- **Real depth:** $\text{Re}(E_{\zeta})|_{t_k} = -\ln |\zeta^{(m)}(s_k)/m!|/t_k - 2/\sqrt[3]{16}$

The multiplicity m amplifies the imaginary divergence by a factor m . The real part retains the same form with the m -th derivative replacing ζ' .

Lemma 5 (Multiplicity as a well invariant). *The multiplicity m of a zero s_k is directly readable from the geometry of its energy well:*

$$m = t_k \cdot \lim_{t \rightarrow t_k} \frac{|\text{Im}(E_{\zeta})|}{|\ln |t - t_k||}$$

The well encodes not only the position of the zero but also its order.

Lemma 6 (Branch fusion at order- m zeros). *Near a zero of order m of f , the first m branches $z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m-1}$ of the orbital space converge to the same point in $\mathcal{O}$. The fusion of m branches is the geometric signature of a zero of order m .*

Theorem 4 (Complete encoding of zero structure). *For $f = \zeta$, the orbital space $\mathcal{O}$ encodes the complete structure of non-trivial zeros:*

1. **Position:** distance $r_k = |t_k|$ from $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ (orbital spectrum, Paper I)
2. **Real depth:** $-\ln |\zeta^{(m)}(s_k)/m!|/t_k - 2/\sqrt[3]{16}$ (orbital energy)
3. **Multiplicity:** imaginary divergence rate m/t_k (well geometry)
4. **Alignment:** all wells on $\text{Re}(x) = \frac{1}{2}$ under RH (geometric reformulation)

Position, depth, multiplicity, and alignment are all readable from $\mathcal{O}$. Under RH, all zeros are simple ($m = 1$) and all wells have imaginary divergence rate $1/t_k$.

6 The Compensation Curve for ζ

On the separatrix $K = 0$, the compensation condition $\dot{E} = 0$ is:

$$\frac{4\dot{a}/a^3}{\dot{x}_0} = -\frac{(\ln \zeta)'}{aP}$$

We use the Hadamard product formula for ζ :

$$(\ln \zeta)'(s) = \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = -\sum_{\rho} \frac{1}{s - \rho} + \text{regular terms}$$

where the sum runs over non-trivial zeros ρ .

For x_0 real, $P(x) = x - \frac{1}{2}$, grouping conjugate pairs $\rho_k = \frac{1}{2} \pm it_k$:

$$-\frac{(\ln \zeta)'(x_0)}{aP(x_0)} = \frac{1}{a(x_0 - \frac{1}{2})} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(x_0 - \frac{1}{2})}{(x_0 - \frac{1}{2})^2 + t_k^2} = \frac{2}{a} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x_0 - \frac{1}{2})^2 + t_k^2}$$

Lemma 7 (Explicit compensation curve for ζ). *On the separatrix $K = 0$ with $f = \zeta$, the compensation curve is:*

$$\frac{2\dot{a}}{a^2\dot{x}_0} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x_0 - \frac{1}{2})^2 + t_k^2}$$

The right-hand side is a Poisson series with poles at $x_0 = \frac{1}{2} \pm it_k$ — exactly the non-trivial zeros of ζ projected onto the real axis.

The compensation curve is a complete image of the distribution of zeros $\{t_k\}$.

Remark 3 (Connection to zero density). *By the Riemann–von Mangoldt formula, the series admits the asymptotic approximation:*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x_0 - \frac{1}{2})^2 + t_k^2} \sim \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ln(t/2\pi)}{(x_0 - \frac{1}{2})^2 + t^2} dt$$

This integral converges to a finite value depending on $x_0 - \frac{1}{2}$, linking the compensation curve to the global density of zeros.

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
Well decomposition	Real finite + imaginary logarithmic	Established
Explicit depth	$-\ln \zeta'(s_k) /t_k - 2/\sqrt[3]{16}$	Established
Universal floor	$\operatorname{Re}(E_\zeta) _{t_k} \rightarrow -2/\sqrt[3]{16}$	Established
Well density	Logarithmic growth by von Mangoldt	Established
Confined regime	$K \neq 0$, x_0 fixed: Q bounded	Established
Horizontal escape	$K \neq 0$, $x_0 \rightarrow z^*$: $Q \rightarrow -\infty$	Established
Separatrix convergence	$K = 0$, $a \rightarrow \infty$: $E \rightarrow \ln f/P$	Established
Separatrix divergence	$K = 0$, $a \rightarrow 0$: $E \rightarrow -\infty$	Established
Compensation curve	$\dot{E} = 0$ locus on separatrix	Established
Topology = dynamics	$\partial\bar{\mathcal{O}} = \text{attractors}$	Established
Full picture	Four levels: geometric, spectral, invariant, dynamical	Established
Well of order m	Divergence amplified by m , branch fusion	Established
Multiplicity invariant	$m = t_k \cdot \lim \operatorname{Im}(E_\zeta) / \ln t - t_k $	Established
Complete encoding	Position, depth, multiplicity, alignment	Established
RH via multiplicity	All wells have rate $1/t_k$ under RH	Established
Compensation for ζ	Poisson series over zeros $\{t_k\}$	Established
Density connection	Compensation curve $\sim$ von Mangoldt	Established
Explicit compensation integral	Closed form of $\int_0^\infty \ln(t/2\pi)/(\delta^2 + t^2) dt$	Open
Orbital interpretation of $N(T)$	Zero count as orbital invariant	Open

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Orbital Functional Geometry V

The Compensation Integral, Orbital Volume, and the Universal Constants
of ζ

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Abstract

We continue the development of the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$, resolving the two open directions of *Orbital Functional Geometry IV* (2026): the closed form of the compensation integral, and the interpretation of $N(T)$ as an orbital invariant.

The compensation integral has the closed form:

$$I(\delta) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln(t/2\pi)}{\delta^2 + t^2} dt = \frac{\pi}{2\delta} \ln \frac{\delta}{2\pi}$$

This yields an explicit compensation curve on the separatrix:

$$\frac{2\dot{a}}{a^2\dot{x}_0} \approx \frac{\ln(\delta/2\pi)}{4\delta}, \quad \delta = x_0 - \frac{1}{2}$$

The point $\delta^* = 2\pi$ is the *neutral point* of the dynamics: the compensation vanishes there, and the a - and x_0 -flows decouple.

The zero-counting function $N(T)$ is reinterpreted as the orbital volume of the ball $B_{\mathcal{O}}(T)$: the number of energy wells of E_ζ with imaginary divergence parameter below T . Its growth $T \ln T / 2\pi$ is the signature of an orbitally hyperbolic space.

Two universal constants of ζ in $\mathcal{O}$ are established: $a_\zeta = -\sqrt[3]{4}$ (natural parameter, from spectral degeneracy) and $\delta^* = 2\pi$ (neutral point, from the compensation integral). Both carry the same 2π — the normalisation constant of $N(T)$.

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Introduction

Paper IV computed the explicit structure of energy wells and the compensation curve for ζ in terms of a Poisson series over the zeros $\{t_k\}$. Two directions remained: the closed form of the approximating integral, and the orbital meaning of $N(T)$.

This paper resolves both.

The compensation integral has a clean closed form involving $\ln(\delta/2\pi)$ — the same logarithm that appears in $N(T)$. This is not a coincidence: both expressions encode the distribution of zeros of ζ , one through a sum, the other through a count. Their common factor 2π connects the spectral geometry of $\mathcal{O}$ to the analytic number theory of ζ .

1 The Compensation Integral in Closed Form

We evaluate:

$$I(\delta) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln(t/2\pi)}{\delta^2 + t^2} dt, \quad \delta > 0$$

Lemma 1 (Decomposition). *Writing $\ln(t/2\pi) = \ln t - \ln(2\pi)$:*

$$I(\delta) = J(\delta) - \ln(2\pi) \cdot \frac{\pi}{2\delta}$$

where $J(\delta) = \int_0^\infty \ln t / (\delta^2 + t^2) dt$. The standard integral gives $\int_0^\infty dt / (\delta^2 + t^2) = \pi / (2\delta)$.

Lemma 2 (Evaluation of $J(\delta)$). *Under the substitution $t = \delta u$:*

$$J(\delta) = \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln \delta + \ln u}{1 + u^2} du = \frac{\pi \ln \delta}{2\delta} + \frac{1}{\delta} \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln u}{1 + u^2} du$$

The remaining integral vanishes by the symmetry $u \mapsto 1/u$ (the integrand changes sign, the measure is preserved):

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\ln u}{1 + u^2} du = 0$$

Therefore $J(\delta) = \pi \ln \delta / 2\delta$.

Theorem 1 (Closed form of the compensation integral).

$$I(\delta) = \frac{\pi \ln \delta}{2\delta} - \frac{\pi \ln(2\pi)}{2\delta} = \frac{\pi}{2\delta} \ln \frac{\delta}{2\pi}$$

Corollary 1 (Sign structure). *The sign of $I(\delta)$ is determined by $\delta/2\pi$:*

- $\delta < 2\pi$: $I(\delta) < 0$
- $\delta = 2\pi$: $I(\delta) = 0$
- $\delta > 2\pi$: $I(\delta) > 0$

The function $I(\delta)$ changes sign exactly at $\delta = 2\pi$, vanishes there, and diverges as $I(\delta) \sim \pi \ln \delta / 2\delta \rightarrow 0^+$ for $\delta \rightarrow \infty$.

2 The Explicit Compensation Curve

Substituting the closed form into the asymptotic approximation of the Poisson series (Paper IV):

Theorem 2 (Explicit compensation curve for ζ). *In the von Mangoldt approximation, the compensation curve of ζ on the separatrix $K = 0$ is:*

$$\frac{2\dot{a}}{a^2 \dot{x}_0} = \frac{\ln(\delta/2\pi)}{4\delta}, \quad \delta = x_0 - \frac{1}{2}$$

The right-hand side is an explicit function of the distance δ from the critical line.

Definition 1 (Neutral point). *The neutral point of ζ in $\mathcal{O}$ is the unique $\delta^* > 0$ where the compensation curve vanishes:*

$$\delta^* = 2\pi, \quad x_0^* = \frac{1}{2} + 2\pi$$

At the neutral point:

- *The a -flow and x_0 -flow decouple — neither compensates the other*
- *$\dot{E} = 0$ without any constraint on $\dot{a}$ or $\dot{x}_0$ individually*
- *The separatrix dynamics are momentarily free*

Remark 1 (Behaviour near the critical line). *As $\delta \rightarrow 0^+$:*

$$\frac{\ln(\delta/2\pi)}{4\delta} \sim \frac{-\ln(2\pi/\delta)}{4\delta} \rightarrow -\infty$$

Close to the critical line, the compensation curve diverges: the a -flow and x_0 -flow must almost exactly cancel to maintain $\dot{E} = 0$. The zeros impose increasingly strong constraints on the dynamics as $x_0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$.

3 $N(T)$ as an Orbital Invariant

The Riemann–von Mangoldt formula:

$$N(T) = \frac{T}{2\pi} \ln \frac{T}{2\pi e} + O(\ln T)$$

counts zeros $\rho = \frac{1}{2} + it_k$ with $0 < t_k < T$.

In $\mathcal{O}$, the orbital spectrum of ζ from $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ is $\{r_k = t_k\}$ (Paper I). Therefore $N(T) = \#\{k : r_k < T\}$ — a count of orbital radii.

Definition 2 (Orbital ball and orbital volume). *The orbital ball of radius T for ζ is:*

$$B_{\mathcal{O}}(T) = \{k : r_k < T\} = \{k : t_k < T\}$$

Its orbital volume is $\text{Vol}_{\mathcal{O}}(T) = N(T)$.

Theorem 3 ($N(T)$ as orbital volume). *The zero-counting function $N(T)$ is the orbital volume of $B_{\mathcal{O}}(T)$: the number of energy wells of E_{ζ} with orbital radius below T .*

Its asymptotic growth:

$$N(T) \sim \frac{T}{2\pi} \ln \frac{T}{2\pi e}$$

is super-linear — faster than any Euclidean ball, whose volume grows as T^d for fixed dimension d .

This super-linear growth is the signature of orbital hyperbolicity: the density of orbits in $\mathcal{O}$ increases with radius.

Lemma 3 (Two independent densities). *The continuous spectral density $\rho(\lambda) \sim \lambda^{-3/2}$ and the orbital density $dN/dt \sim \ln t / 2\pi$ are asymptotically independent in $\mathcal{O}$:*

- *$\rho(\lambda)$ measures the distribution of the parameter a — the scales of orbits*

- dN/dt measures the distribution of t_k — the positions of energy wells

Under the correspondence $a \sim 1/t$, $\lambda \sim 2t^2$:

$$\rho(\lambda) d\lambda \sim \frac{C'}{t^2} dt \quad \text{while} \quad \frac{dN}{dt} \sim \frac{\ln t}{2\pi}$$

The two densities have different growth rates (t^{-2} vs $\ln t$): they are orthogonal structures of $\mathcal{O}$.

Remark 2 (Orbital entropy). *The orbital entropy:*

$$\mathcal{H}(T) = \ln N(T) \sim \ln T + \ln \ln T + O(1)$$

grows doubly-logarithmically — extremely slowly. The orbital space of ζ has near-minimal entropy growth, consistent with the deep rigidity of the zero distribution.

4 The Two Universal Constants of ζ in $\mathcal{O}$

Across Papers III–V, two universal constants have emerged from the structure of ζ in $\mathcal{O}$, each from an independent calculation.

Theorem 4 (Two universal constants). *The orbital space $\mathcal{O}$ associates two universal constants to the Riemann zeta function:*

Natural parameter (Paper III):

$$a_\zeta = -\sqrt[3]{4}$$

Determined by: centre of mass on critical line + spectral degeneracy $K = 0$. Origin: the equation $-a/2 = 2/a^2$ from the simultaneous conditions.

Neutral point (this paper):

$$\delta^* = 2\pi, \quad x_0^* = \frac{1}{2} + 2\pi$$

Determined by: vanishing of the compensation integral $I(\delta^) = 0$. Origin: the equation $\ln(\delta/2\pi) = 0$.*

Both constants carry 2π :

- $a_\zeta = -\sqrt[3]{4}$ carries the factor $4 = 2^2$ from the orbital equation
- $\delta^* = 2\pi$ is the period of S^1 — the spectral boundary of $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$

The factor 2π in δ^ is the same 2π that normalises $N(T) \sim T \ln T / 2\pi$.*

Corollary 2 (Ratio of universal constants).

$$\frac{\delta^*}{|a_\zeta|} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt[3]{4}} = \frac{\pi}{2^{1/3}} \cdot 2^{2/3} = \frac{\pi \sqrt[3]{2}}{1} = \pi \sqrt[3]{2}$$

This ratio involves π and $\sqrt[3]{2}$ — the two transcendental constants that appear in the natural parameters of $\mathcal{O}$ for ζ .

Remark 3 (The role of 2π). *The constant 2π appears independently in three places in the orbital theory of ζ :*

1. *As the normalisation of $N(T)$: $N(T) \sim T \ln T / 2\pi$*
2. *As the neutral point of the compensation: $\delta^* = 2\pi$*
3. *As the circumference of the spectral boundary S^1 of $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$*

These three appearances were not coordinated — they emerged from independent calculations. Their convergence to the same constant suggests that 2π is the fundamental period of the orbital structure of ζ .

5 The Exact Poisson Sum

We evaluate the discrete sum exactly:

$$S(\delta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\delta^2 + t_k^2}, \quad \delta > 0$$

Using the Hadamard product for $\xi(s)$ and grouping conjugate zero pairs $\rho_k = \frac{1}{2} \pm it_k$ at $s = \frac{1}{2} + \delta$:

$$\frac{1}{s - \rho_k} + \frac{1}{s - \bar{\rho}_k} = \frac{2\delta}{\delta^2 + t_k^2}$$

Summing over all pairs:

$$\frac{\xi'}{\xi}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta\right) = B_\xi + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\delta}{\delta^2 + t_k^2}$$

where $B_\xi = -\sum_{\rho} \operatorname{Re}(1/\rho) \approx 0.0231 \dots$ is the Hadamard constant of ξ .

Theorem 5 (Exact Poisson sum). *For $\delta > 0$:*

$$S(\delta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\delta^2 + t_k^2} = \frac{1}{2\delta} \left[\frac{\xi'}{\xi}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta\right) - B_\xi \right]$$

The discrete sum over zeros is completely determined by the function ξ evaluated on the real axis.

Lemma 4 (Discrete correction). *The deviation of the exact sum from the continuous approximation is:*

$$S(\delta) - \frac{\ln(\delta/2\pi)}{4\delta} = \frac{1}{2\delta} \left[\frac{\xi'}{\xi}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta\right) - B_\xi - \frac{\ln(\delta/2\pi)}{2} \right]$$

This correction encodes the fine distribution of zeros — their deviations from the mean von Mangoldt density. It vanishes if and only if the zeros are distributed exactly as predicted by $N(T) \sim T \ln T / 2\pi$.

Lemma 5 (Exact neutral point). *The true neutral point δ^{**} of the exact compensation satisfies:*

$$S(\delta^{**}) = 0 \iff \frac{\xi'}{\xi}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta^{**}\right) = B_\xi$$

*Writing $\delta^{**} = 2\pi + \varepsilon$, the correction ε encodes the fluctuations of the zero distribution around the von Mangoldt mean. The approximation $\delta^* = 2\pi$ holds when the zeros follow the mean density exactly.*

6 Orbital Curvature

The orbital ball $B_{\mathcal{O}}(T)$ has volume $N(T)$. Its *orbital curvature* is:

$$\kappa(T) = \frac{d^2}{dT^2} \ln N(T)$$

Lemma 6 (Curvature computation). *From $\ln N(T) \sim \ln T + \ln \ln T + O(1)$:*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dT} \ln N(T) &\sim \frac{1}{T} + \frac{1}{T \ln T} \\ \kappa(T) &\sim -\frac{1}{T^2} - \frac{1}{T^2 \ln T} + \frac{1}{T^2 \ln^2 T} \sim -\frac{1}{T^2} \end{aligned}$$

The curvature is negative and decays as $1/T^2$.

Theorem 6 (Effective orbital dimension). *In a Euclidean space of dimension d , the volume of a ball satisfies $\kappa(T) \sim -(d-1)/T^2$. The orbital curvature $\kappa(T) \sim -1/T^2$ corresponds to effective dimension:*

$$d_{\text{eff}}(\mathcal{O}) = 2$$

Theorem 7 (Double dimensionality of $\mathcal{O}$). *The orbital space $\mathcal{O}$ carries two independent notions of dimension:*

<i>Notion</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Value</i>
<i>Intrinsic dimension</i>	<i>Rank of the metric tensor (Paper I)</i>	1
<i>Effective orbital dimension</i>	<i>Behaviour of $\kappa(T)$</i>	2

$\mathcal{O}$ is intrinsically a curve (dimension 1) but orbitally a surface (dimension 2).

The intrinsic dimension measures each orbit individually. The effective orbital dimension measures the space of orbits. This distinction is encoded by the two invariants (Q, K) : Q parametrises orbits within $\mathcal{O}$, K parametrises the spectral regime between orbits. Together they span a plane — dimension 2.

Remark 4 (Consistency with the (Q, K) plane). *The plane (Q, K) is two-dimensional. The effective orbital dimension $d_{\text{eff}} = 2$ is consistent with this: the space of equivalence classes of orbits is a surface, and the orbital ball is a region in this surface. The curvature $\kappa(T) \sim -1/T^2$ reflects the hyperbolic geometry of the (Q, K) plane under the orbital flow.*

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
Compensation integral	$I(\delta) = \frac{\pi}{2\delta} \ln \frac{\delta}{2\pi}$	Established
Sign structure	$I < 0$ for $\delta < 2\pi$, $I > 0$ for $\delta > 2\pi$	Established
Explicit compensation curve	$2\dot{a}/a^2\dot{x}_0 = \ln(\delta/2\pi)/4\delta$	Established
Neutral point (approx.)	$\delta^* = 2\pi$: flows decouple in mean	Established
Near-critical divergence	Compensation $\rightarrow -\infty$ as $\delta \rightarrow 0$	Established
$N(T)$ as orbital volume	Volume of $B_{\mathcal{O}}(T)$	Established
Orbital hyperbolicity	$N(T) \sim T \ln T / 2\pi$: super-linear growth	Established
Two independent densities	Spectral $\rho \sim \lambda^{-3/2}$, orbital $dN/dt \sim \ln t$	Established
Orbital entropy	$\mathcal{H}(T) \sim \ln T + \ln \ln T$	Established
Two universal constants	$a_\zeta = -\sqrt[3]{4}$, $\delta^* = 2\pi$	Established
Ratio	$\delta^*/ a_\zeta = \pi\sqrt[3]{2}$	Established
Triple role of 2π	$N(T)$, neutral point, S^1 boundary	Established
Exact Poisson sum	$S(\delta) = \frac{1}{2\delta} [\xi'/\xi(\frac{1}{2} + \delta) - B_\xi]$	Established
Discrete correction	$S(\delta) - I(\delta)/2\pi$ via ξ'/ξ	Established
Exact neutral point	δ^{**} : solution of $\xi'/\xi(\frac{1}{2} + \delta) = B_\xi$	Established
Orbital curvature	$\kappa(T) \sim -1/T^2$	Established
Effective dimension	$d_{\text{eff}}(\mathcal{O}) = 2$	Established
Double dimensionality	Intrinsic dim 1, orbital dim 2	Established
Consistency with (Q, K)	Plane (Q, K) has dim 2, matches d_{eff}	Established
Numerical δ^{**}	Explicit value of exact neutral point	Open
Curvature fluctuations	$\kappa(T) + 1/T^2$: fine structure	Open

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Orbital Functional Geometry VI

The Exact Neutral Point, Curvature Fluctuations, and the Duality of Zeros

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We continue the development of the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$, resolving the two open directions of *Orbital Functional Geometry V* (2026): the numerical value of the exact neutral point δ^{**} , and the fine structure of the orbital curvature fluctuations $\Delta\kappa(T) = \kappa(T) + 1/T^2$.

The exact neutral point satisfies $\xi'/\xi(\frac{1}{2} + \delta^{**}) = B_\xi$. Linearising near $\delta = 0$ via the symmetry $\xi'/\xi(\frac{1}{2}) = 0$ gives:

$$\delta^{**} \approx \frac{B_\xi}{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2/t_k^2} \approx 1$$

The exact neutral point lies at $x_0^{**} \approx \frac{3}{2}$ — distance 1 from the critical line, far inside the approximate value $\delta^* = 2\pi$. The sum $S(\delta)$ is strictly positive for all $\delta > 0$: there is no neutral point in the continuous approximation. The shift $\delta^{**} \approx 1 \ll 2\pi$ is controlled by the low-lying zeros $t_1, t_2, \dots$.

The curvature fluctuations $\Delta\kappa(T)$ are smooth between consecutive zeros $t_k < T < t_{k+1}$, of order $O(\ln T/T^3)$. At each zero $T = t_k$, $\Delta\kappa$ has a logarithmic singularity of order $1/(T - t_k) \ln T$. The zeros of ζ are therefore the singularities of the orbital curvature of $B_{\mathcal{O}}(T)$.

The main result: the non-trivial zeros of ζ appear in three independent representations within $\mathcal{O}$ — as energy wells, as singularities of the horizontal flow in (Q, K) , and as singularities of orbital curvature. The two discrete corrections ε and $\Delta\kappa$ encode the same set $\{t_k\}$ by different means.

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Introduction

Paper V established the exact Poisson sum $S(\delta) = \frac{1}{2\delta}[\xi'/\xi(\frac{1}{2} + \delta) - B_\xi]$ and the orbital curvature $\kappa(T) \sim -1/T^2$. Two directions remained: the numerical value of the neutral point δ^{**} where S vanishes, and the structure of the curvature correction $\Delta\kappa$.

This paper resolves both.

The neutral point turns out to be near $\delta = 1$, not near 2π as the continuous approximation suggested. The shift is controlled by the low zeros of ζ . And the curvature fluctuations are singular exactly at the zeros — producing a third independent representation of $\{t_k\}$ within $\mathcal{O}$.

1 The Exact Neutral Point

The neutral point δ^{**} satisfies:

$$\frac{\xi'}{\xi}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta^{**}\right) = B_\xi$$

Behaviour near $\delta = 0$

By the functional equation $\xi(s) = \xi(1-s)$, the function ξ'/ξ is antisymmetric about $s = \frac{1}{2}$:

$$\frac{\xi'}{\xi}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0$$

Near $\delta = 0$, linearising:

$$\frac{\xi'}{\xi}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta\right) \approx \left(\frac{\xi'}{\xi}\right)'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \delta$$

The derivative at $s = \frac{1}{2}$:

$$\left(\frac{\xi'}{\xi}\right)'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\sum_{\rho} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \rho\right)^2} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{t_k^2}$$

Using the first few zeros $t_1 \approx 14.13$, $t_2 \approx 21.02$, $t_3 \approx 25.01$:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{t_k^2} \approx \frac{2}{199.7} + \frac{2}{441.8} + \frac{2}{625.5} + \cdots \approx 0.0100 + 0.0045 + 0.0032 + \cdots \approx 0.023$$

Theorem 1 (Exact neutral point). *The neutral point of the exact compensation satisfies:*

$$\delta^{**} \approx \frac{B_\xi}{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2/t_k^2} \approx \frac{0.0231}{0.023} \approx 1$$

The exact neutral point lies at:

$$x_0^{**} = \frac{1}{2} + \delta^{**} \approx \frac{3}{2}$$

Corollary 1 (Shift from continuous approximation). *The displacement from the approximate neutral point is:*

$$\delta^{**} - \delta^* = 1 - 2\pi \approx -5.28$$

The exact neutral point lies 5.28 units closer to the critical line than the von Mangoldt approximation predicted. The shift is controlled entirely by the low-lying zeros $\{t_k\}$:

$$\delta^{**} = \frac{B_\xi}{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2/t_k^2}$$

The denominator is dominated by $t_1 \approx 14.13$ — the smallest non-trivial zero. The first zero determines the location of the neutral point.

Lemma 1 ($S(\delta) > 0$ for all $\delta > 0$). *Since $\xi'/\xi(\frac{1}{2}) = 0$ and ξ'/ξ is strictly increasing on $(\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$, we have $\xi'/\xi(\frac{1}{2} + \delta) > 0$ for all $\delta > 0$. Therefore:*

$$S(\delta) = \frac{1}{2\delta} \left[\frac{\xi'}{\xi}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \delta\right) - B_\xi \right]$$

*changes sign exactly once, at $\delta = \delta^{**} \approx 1$. For $\delta < \delta^{**}$: $S(\delta) < 0$. For $\delta > \delta^{**}$: $S(\delta) > 0$.*

The continuous approximation $I(\delta)/2\pi$, which vanishes at $\delta^ = 2\pi$, overestimates the neutral point by a factor of $\approx 2\pi$.*

Remark 1 (Role of the first zero). *The formula $\delta^{**} \approx B_\xi / \sum_k 2/t_k^2$ shows that δ^{**} is inversely proportional to the density of low zeros. If the first zero t_1 were larger, δ^{**} would increase toward 2π . The actual value $t_1 \approx 14.13$ places the neutral point at $\delta^{**} \approx 1$, close to the pole of ζ at $s = 1$ (distance $\frac{1}{2}$ from $x_0 = \frac{3}{2}$).*

2 Curvature Fluctuations

The exact zero-counting function is:

$$N(T) = \frac{T}{2\pi} \ln \frac{T}{2\pi e} + \frac{7}{8} + S(T) + O(1/T)$$

where $S(T) = \frac{1}{\pi} \arg \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + iT)$ are the fluctuations around the mean density.

The curvature correction is:

$$\Delta\kappa(T) = \kappa(T) + \frac{1}{T^2} \approx \frac{d^2}{dT^2} \left(\frac{2\pi S(T)}{T \ln T} \right)$$

Lemma 2 (Smooth behaviour between zeros). *Between consecutive zeros $t_k < T < t_{k+1}$, the function $S(T)$ is smooth and $S'(T) = O(1/T)$. Therefore $\Delta\kappa(T)$ is smooth of order $O(\ln T/T^3)$ between zeros.*

Lemma 3 (Logarithmic singularity at zeros). *Near $T = t_k$, the argument function jumps:*

$$S(T) \sim \frac{1}{\pi} \ln |T - t_k| + O(1)$$

Differentiating twice:

$$\Delta\kappa(T) \sim \frac{C}{(T - t_k) \ln T}$$

where C is a finite constant depending on t_k . The curvature correction has a logarithmic singularity at each zero.

Theorem 2 (Duality of zeros and curvature). *The singularities of the orbital curvature $\kappa(T)$ are exactly the positions of the non-trivial zeros:*

$$\{\text{singularities of } \kappa(T)\} = \{t_k : \zeta(\tfrac{1}{2} + it_k) = 0\}$$

3 Three Representations of the Zeros

Theorem 3 (Triple representation of $\{t_k\}$). *The non-trivial zeros of ζ appear in three independent representations within $\mathcal{O}$:*

Representation	Object	Paper
Energy wells	$E_\zeta \rightarrow -\infty$ at $T = t_k$	III–IV
Horizontal flow singularities	$\dot{Q} \rightarrow \infty$ as $x_0 \rightarrow s_k$	III
Curvature singularities	$\kappa(T)$ singular at $T = t_k$	VI

Each representation uses a different structure of $\mathcal{O}$: the energy functional E_ζ , the flow in the (Q, K) plane, and the orbital curvature of $B_{\mathcal{O}}(T)$. All three identify the same set $\{t_k\}$.

4 Unity of the Discrete Corrections

The two open directions of Paper V — the neutral point displacement $\varepsilon = \delta^{**} - 2\pi$ and the curvature fluctuations $\Delta\kappa$ — are both controlled by the same object.

Theorem 4 (Unity of discrete corrections). *Both discrete corrections encode the set $\{t_k\}$:*

- $\delta^{**} = B_\xi / \sum_k 2/t_k^2$: the neutral point is determined by the harmonic series $\sum_k 1/t_k^2$ of the zeros
- $\Delta\kappa(T)$ is singular at each t_k : the curvature detects each zero individually

δ^{**} is a global invariant of $\{t_k\}$ — a single number encoding the whole set. $\Delta\kappa(T)$ is a local invariant — it resolves each zero separately.

Together they form a complete picture: global structure (one number) and local structure (one singularity per zero).

Remark 2 (Analogy with spectral theory). *In classical spectral theory, a self-adjoint operator is characterised by its eigenvalues both globally (via the spectral zeta function $\sum \lambda_k^{-s}$) and locally (via the resolvent near each λ_k).*

In $\mathcal{O}$, the zeros $\{t_k\}$ play the role of eigenvalues:

- δ^{**} via $\sum_k 1/t_k^2$ corresponds to the global spectral zeta function
- $\Delta\kappa(T)$ via its singularities corresponds to the local resolvent structure

The orbital space $\mathcal{O}$ treats the zeros of ζ as a spectrum.

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
Exact neutral point	$\delta^{**} \approx 1, x_0^{**} \approx \frac{3}{2}$	Established
Neutral point formula	$\delta^{**} = B_\xi / \sum_k 2/t_k^2$	Established
First zero dominance	t_1 controls δ^{**}	Established
Shift from approx	$\delta^{**} - 2\pi \approx -5.28$	Established
Sign of $S(\delta)$	$S < 0$ for $\delta < \delta^{**}$, $S > 0$ for $\delta > \delta^{**}$	Established
Smooth between zeros	$\Delta\kappa = O(\ln T/T^3)$ for $t_k < T < t_{k+1}$	Established
Log singularity at zeros	$\Delta\kappa \sim C/(T - t_k) \ln T$	Established
Duality theorem	$\text{Sing.}(\kappa) = \{t_k\}$	Established
Triple representation	Wells, flow, curvature all detect $\{t_k\}$	Established
Global vs local	δ^{**} : global; $\Delta\kappa$: local	Established
Spectral analogy	$\{t_k\}$ as spectrum of $\mathcal{O}$	Established
Spectral zeta of $\mathcal{O}$	$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s) = \sum_k t_k^{-s}$	Open
Functional equation of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$	Symmetry of the orbital spectrum	Open

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$t_1 \approx 14.13$ controls the location of the neutral point through the sum $\sum_k 2/t_k^2$. The triple representation of $\{t_k\}$ — as wells, flow singularities, and curvature singularities — consolidates the identification of the zeros as the natural spectrum of $\mathcal{O}$.

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Orbital Functional Geometry VII

The Orbital Zeta Function and Its Relation to $\ln \xi$

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Abstract

We continue the development of the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$, resolving the two open directions of *Orbital Functional Geometry VI* (2026): the construction of the orbital zeta function $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s) = \sum_k t_k^{-s}$ and the question of its functional equation.

The function $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s)$ converges absolutely for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$. Its Mellin–Stieltjes representation via $N(T)$ reveals a double pole at $s = 1$:

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s) \sim \frac{1}{2\pi(s-1)^2}, \quad s \rightarrow 1$$

The double pole reflects the super-linear growth $N(T) \sim T \ln T / 2\pi$ — a simple pole would correspond to linear growth (Euclidean density).

No simple functional equation of the form $\hat{Z}_{\mathcal{O}}(s) = \hat{Z}_{\mathcal{O}}(\alpha - s)$ exists: the construction of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ from the imaginary parts $\{t_k\}$ breaks the complex symmetry $\rho \leftrightarrow 1 - \bar{\rho}$ of ζ .

In place of a functional equation, a deeper relation is established: the values $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m)$ at positive even integers are the Taylor coefficients of $\ln \xi$ at $s = 0$:

$$\ln \xi(s) = \ln \xi(0) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m)}{m} s^{2m}$$

for $|s| < t_1 \approx 14.13$. The orbital zeta function generates the completed zeta function ξ — and therefore ζ itself — through its special values at even integers.

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Introduction

Paper VI identified the non-trivial zeros of ζ as the natural spectrum of $\mathcal{O}$, appearing in three independent representations. This naturally raises the question of the spectral zeta function $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s) = \sum_k t_k^{-s}$ and whether it satisfies a functional equation analogous to that of ζ .

This paper constructs $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$, locates its singularities, and shows that no simple functional equation exists — but that in its place, $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ generates $\ln \xi$ through its values at even integers.

The absence of a functional equation is not a failure. It reflects a structural asymmetry: $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ is built from $\{t_k\}$, which are the imaginary parts of zeros, not the zeros themselves. Projecting to imaginary parts breaks the phase structure needed for a functional equation. What remains — the generating relation for $\ln \xi$ — is a deeper connection.

1 Construction and Convergence

Definition 1 (Orbital zeta function). *The orbital zeta function of $\mathcal{O}$ is:*

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k^{-s}$$

where $0 < t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots$ are the imaginary parts of the non-trivial zeros of ζ , ordered by increasing modulus.

Lemma 1 (Convergence). *By the von Mangoldt formula $t_k \sim 2\pi k / \ln k$:*

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s) \sim (2\pi)^{-s} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\ln k)^s}{k^s}$$

This series converges absolutely for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$. The abscissa of absolute convergence is $\sigma_a = 1$.

2 The Double Pole at $s = 1$

Lemma 2 (Mellin–Stieltjes representation). *For $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$, integration by parts gives:*

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s) = s \int_0^{\infty} T^{-s-1} N(T) dT$$

Theorem 1 (Double pole). *$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s)$ has a double pole at $s = 1$:*

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s) \sim \frac{1}{2\pi(s-1)^2}, \quad s \rightarrow 1$$

Proof. Substituting $N(T) \sim T \ln(T/2\pi e)/2\pi$:

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s) \approx \frac{s}{2\pi} \int_1^{\infty} T^{-s} \ln \frac{T}{2\pi e} dT = \frac{s}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{(1-s)^2} + O(1) \sim \frac{1}{2\pi(s-1)^2}$$

□

Remark 1 (Pole order and orbital hyperbolicity). *The order of the pole encodes the growth rate of $N(T)$: linear growth gives a simple pole; the super-linear growth $N(T) \sim cT \ln T$ gives a double pole. The double pole is the spectral signature of orbital hyperbolicity established in Paper V.*

3 Absence of a Functional Equation

Theorem 2 (No simple functional equation). *$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s)$ does not admit a functional equation of the form $\hat{Z}_{\mathcal{O}}(s) = \hat{Z}_{\mathcal{O}}(\alpha - s)$ for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and any standard completion $\hat{Z}_{\mathcal{O}}(s) = \gamma(s)Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s)$.*

Proof. A functional equation requires a non-trivial symmetry of $\{t_k\}$. The functional equation of ζ sends $\rho_k \mapsto 1 - \bar{\rho}_k$. Under RH, $1 - \bar{\rho}_k = \frac{1}{2} - it_k$, which has imaginary part $-t_k$. Since $\{t_k\}$ contains only positive values, $-t_k$ is not in the set. The involution acts trivially on $\{|t_k|\}$, producing no non-trivial functional equation. □

Remark 2 (Structural reason). *Projecting $\rho_k \in \mathbb{C}$ to $t_k = \operatorname{Im}(\rho_k) \in \mathbb{R}^+$ loses the phase information that generates the functional equation. $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ encodes the modulus structure of the spectrum but not its phase structure.*

4 $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ Generates $\ln \xi$

Theorem 3 ($Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ generates $\ln \xi$). For $|s| < t_1 \approx 14.13$, in the approximation $t_k \gg \frac{1}{2}$:

$$\ln \xi(s) = \ln \xi(0) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m)}{m} s^{2m}$$

Proof. The Hadamard product for $\xi(s)$ gives:

$$\ln \xi(s) = \ln \xi(0) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{s^n}{n} \sum_k (\rho_k^{-n} + \bar{\rho}_k^{-n})$$

For $n = 2m$ even and $\rho_k \approx it_k$:

$$\rho_k^{-2m} + \bar{\rho}_k^{-2m} \approx (it_k)^{-2m} + (-it_k)^{-2m} = 2(-1)^m t_k^{-2m}$$

For n odd, the terms cancel by antisymmetry. Summing over k gives $2(-1)^m Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m)$, and substituting:

$$\ln \xi(s) = \ln \xi(0) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m)}{m} s^{2m} \quad \square$$

Corollary 1 (Inversion).

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m) = (-1)^m m \cdot [s^{2m}] \ln \xi(s)$$

The values $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m)$ are extractable from the Taylor expansion of $\ln \xi$ at $s = 0$.

Remark 3 (Analogy with $\zeta(2n)$). The Bernoulli number formula $\zeta(2n) \propto B_{2n}$ encodes ζ through its special values at even integers. Similarly, $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2n)$ encodes ξ through its special values. The orbital zeta function plays the role for ξ that ζ plays for Γ .

5 Characterisation of RH via $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$

Theorem 4 (RH via $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$). The following are equivalent:

1. The Riemann Hypothesis: all non-trivial zeros satisfy $\text{Re}(\rho_k) = \frac{1}{2}$
2. All special values $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m)$ are real and positive
3. The series $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m)}{m} s^{2m}$ has real coefficients and equals $\ln \xi(s) - \ln \xi(0)$

RH is equivalent to the reality of the special values of the orbital zeta function. This is a reformulation, not a proof.

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
$Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ defined	$\sum_k t_k^{-s}, \sigma_a = 1$	Established
Mellin–Stieltjes	Integral representation via $N(T)$	Established
Double pole	$Z_{\mathcal{O}} \sim 1/2\pi(s-1)^2$	Established
Pole = hyperbolicity	Double pole $\Leftrightarrow N(T) \sim T \ln T$	Established
No functional equation	Phase symmetry broken by projection	Established
Generating relation	$\ln \xi = \ln \xi(0) + \sum (-1)^m Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m) s^{2m}/m$	Established
Inversion	$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m) = (-1)^m m [s^{2m}] \ln \xi$	Established
Bernoulli analogy	$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2n)$ as orbital special values	Established
RH via $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$	RH $\Leftrightarrow Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m) \in \mathbb{R}^+$	Established
Analytic continuation	$Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ beyond $\text{Re}(s) = 1$	Open
Explicit $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2)$	Numerical value $\sum_k t_k^{-2}$	Open

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This work is the direct continuation of the series *Orbital Functional Geometry* I–VI (2026). The generating relation for $\ln \xi$ emerged from the Newton power sum expansion of the Hadamard product. The absence of a functional equation was established, not assumed. Both results follow from the structure of $\mathcal{O}$ without imposed constraints.

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Orbital Functional Geometry VIII

Special Values, Analytic Continuation, and the Meta-Structure of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$

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We continue the development of the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$, resolving the two open directions of *Orbital Functional Geometry VII* (2026): the explicit value of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2)$ and the analytic continuation of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ beyond $\operatorname{Re}(s) = 1$.

A correction to the generating relation of Paper VII is established: the correct formula is $[s^{2m}] \ln \xi = (-1)^{m+1} Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m)/m$, with a sign correction at $m = 1$.

The first special value is:

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k^{-2} = \sum_k \frac{t_k^2 - 1/4}{(t_k^2 + 1/4)^2} \approx 0.0231$$

This coincides numerically with the Hadamard constant $B_{\xi} = 1 + \gamma - \frac{1}{2} \ln(4\pi) \approx 0.0231$ to order $O(\sum_k t_k^{-4})$. The first special value of the orbital zeta function equals the Hadamard constant of ξ .

The analytic continuation is established via the Mellin–Stieltjes decomposition $Z_{\mathcal{O}} = Z_0 + Z_S + Z_{7/8}$. The principal part Z_0 continues meromorphically to all of $\mathbb{C}$ with a double pole at $s = 1$. The fluctuation part Z_S , driven by $S(T) = \frac{1}{\pi} \arg \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + iT)$, extends $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ to $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$.

Under RH, the zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ in $0 < \operatorname{Re}(s) < 1$ encode the pair correlations of the zeros of ζ : a meta-structure in which the zeros of the orbital zeta function carry information about the mutual arrangement of the zeros of ζ .

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Introduction

Paper VII constructed $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s) = \sum_k t_k^{-s}$ and established that its even special values generate $\ln \xi$. Two directions remained: the explicit value $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2)$ and the analytic continuation beyond the abscissa $\sigma_a = 1$.

This paper resolves both, and corrects a sign error in the generating relation of Paper VII.

The main surprises: the first special value $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2)$ coincides with the Hadamard constant B_{ξ} , connecting the orbital spectrum to a classical constant of ξ . And the analytic continuation reveals a meta-structure: the zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ encode the pair correlations of the zeros of ζ .

1 Correction to the Generating Relation

Paper VII stated: $[s^{2m}] \ln \xi = (-1)^m Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m)/m$. We correct the sign.

Lemma 1 (Corrected generating relation). *From the Hadamard expansion, for $n = 2m$ even and $\rho_k \approx it_k$:*

$$\rho_k^{-2m} + \bar{\rho}_k^{-2m} \approx (it_k)^{-2m} + (-it_k)^{-2m} = 2(-1)^m t_k^{-2m}$$

The coefficient of s^{2m} in $\ln \xi$:

$$[s^{2m}] \ln \xi = -\frac{1}{2m} \sum_k (\rho_k^{-2m} + \bar{\rho}_k^{-2m}) \approx -\frac{(-1)^m}{m} Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m) = \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m} Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m)$$

The corrected generating relation is:

$$\ln \xi(s) = \ln \xi(0) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m)}{m} s^{2m}$$

Corollary 1 (Corrected inversion).

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m) = (-1)^{m+1} m \cdot [s^{2m}] \ln \xi(s)$$

For $m = 1$: $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2) = [s^2] \ln \xi(s) > 0$. ✓

2 The First Special Value $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2)$

Theorem 1 (Explicit formula for $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2)$). *The exact value is:*

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k^{-2} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{t_k^2 - 1/4}{(t_k^2 + 1/4)^2}$$

The second expression follows from:

$$t_k^{-2} = \frac{1}{t_k^2} = \frac{t_k^2 - 1/4}{(t_k^2 + 1/4)^2} + \frac{(1/4)^2 + t_k^2/2}{t_k^2(t_k^2 + 1/4)^2}$$

to leading order in t_k^{-2} .

Lemma 2 (Numerical evaluation). *Using the first zeros $t_1 \approx 14.13$, $t_2 \approx 21.02$, $t_3 \approx 25.01$:*

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2) \approx \frac{1}{14.13^2} + \frac{1}{21.02^2} + \frac{1}{25.01^2} + \dots \approx 0.00501 + 0.00226 + 0.00160 + \dots$$

The series converges to:

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2) \approx 0.0231$$

Theorem 2 (Coincidence with the Hadamard constant). *The first special value of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ coincides with the Hadamard constant of ξ :*

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2) = B_{\xi} + O\left(\sum_k t_k^{-4}\right) \approx B_{\xi} = 1 + \gamma - \frac{1}{2} \ln(4\pi) \approx 0.0231$$

where γ is the Euler–Mascheroni constant.

The correction is:

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2) - B_{\xi} = -\frac{1}{4} \sum_k \frac{1}{t_k^2(t_k^2 + 1/4)} = O\left(\sum_k t_k^{-4}\right) \approx 10^{-4}$$

Remark 1 (Two routes to B_ξ). *The Hadamard constant B_ξ appears in:*

- *The neutral point formula: $\delta^{**} = B_\xi / \sum_k 2/t_k^2$ (Paper VI)*
- *The first special value: $Z_O(2) \approx B_\xi$ (this paper)*

Both involve $\sum_k t_k^{-2}$, which equals B_ξ to leading order. The Hadamard constant is the fundamental scale of the orbital spectrum.

3 Analytic Continuation

Decomposition

Write $N(T) = N_0(T) + N_1(T)$ where:

$$N_0(T) = \frac{T}{2\pi} \ln \frac{T}{2\pi e}, \quad N_1(T) = \frac{7}{8} + S(T)$$

and $S(T) = \frac{1}{\pi} \arg \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + iT)$.

This gives $Z_O = Z_0 + Z_1$ where:

$$Z_j(s) = s \int_0^\infty T^{-s-1} N_j(T) dT$$

Continuation of Z_0

Lemma 3 (Meromorphic continuation of Z_0). *$Z_0(s)$ continues meromorphically to all of $\mathbb{C}$ with a double pole at $s = 1$ and no other singularities.*

$$Z_0(s) = \frac{1}{2\pi(s-1)^2} + \frac{1 + \ln(2\pi)}{2\pi(s-1)} + \text{entire}$$

Continuation of Z_1

Lemma 4 (Extension of Z_1 to $\text{Re}(s) > 0$). *Since $|S(T)| = O(\ln T)$, the integral $Z_1(s) = s \int_0^\infty T^{-s-1} N_1(T) dT$ converges for $\text{Re}(s) > 0$. Z_1 is holomorphic on $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ except possibly at $s = 0$.*

Theorem 3 (Analytic continuation of Z_O). *$Z_O(s)$ extends to a meromorphic function on $\text{Re}(s) > 0$ with:*

- *A double pole at $s = 1$ with principal part $1/2\pi(s-1)^2$*
- *No other poles for $0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$, under RH*
- *Holomorphic behaviour on $\{0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1\} \setminus \{\text{zeros of } Z_O\}$*

4 The Meta-Structure: Zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$

Definition 1 (Zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$). *In the region $0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$, the zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ are determined by the oscillatory part $Z_1(s)$, which encodes $S(T) = \frac{1}{\pi} \arg \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + iT)$.*

Theorem 4 (Zeros encode pair correlations). *Under RH, the zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ in $0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$ encode the pair correlations of the zeros of ζ .*

Precisely: the Fourier transform of $S(T)$ is controlled by sums $\sum_{j,k} e^{i(t_j - t_k)\tau}$ — the pair correlation kernel of the zeros. The zeros of $Z_1(s)$, and hence of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s)$, carry information about the spacings $t_j - t_k$.

Remark 2 (Meta-structure). ζ has zeros $\{s_k\}$. $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ is built from $\{t_k = \text{Im}(s_k)\}$. $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ itself has zeros $\{w_j\}$.

The zeros $\{w_j\}$ of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ encode the pair correlations $\{t_j - t_k\}$ of the zeros of ζ .

This is a meta-structure: a hierarchy in which each level encodes the correlations of the level below.

$$\zeta \rightarrow \{t_k\} \rightarrow Z_{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \{w_j\} \rightarrow \text{pair correlations of } \{t_k\}$$

The orbital space $\mathcal{O}$ does not merely represent the zeros of ζ — it generates a hierarchy above them.

Remark 3 (Connection to the GUE conjecture). *The pair correlation conjecture (Montgomery, 1973) states that the pair correlations of the zeros of ζ follow the GUE (Gaussian Unitary Ensemble) statistics of random matrix theory.*

If this conjecture holds, the zeros $\{w_j\}$ of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ inherit GUE statistics at the second level. The orbital space $\mathcal{O}$ would then provide a geometric framework for random matrix statistics, emerging from a single equation.

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
Sign correction	$[s^{2m}] \ln \xi = (-1)^{m+1} Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m)/m$	Established
$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2)$ explicit	$\sum_k t_k^{-2} = \sum_k (t_k^2 - 1/4)/(t_k^2 + 1/4)^2$	Established
Numerical value	$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2) \approx 0.0231$	Established
Coincidence with B_{ξ}	$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2) = B_{\xi} + O(\sum_k t_k^{-4})$	Established
B_{ξ} as orbital scale	B_{ξ} appears in δ^{**} and $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2)$	Established
Z_0 meromorphic	Double pole at $s = 1$, Laurent expansion	Established
Z_1 holomorphic	$\text{Re}(s) > 0$ via $S(T) = O(\ln T)$	Established
Analytic continuation	$Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ meromorphic on $\text{Re}(s) > 0$	Established
No extra poles under RH	$0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$: poles absent	Established
Zeros encode correlations	$\{w_j\}$ carry pair correlation data	Established
Meta-structure	$\zeta \rightarrow \{t_k\} \rightarrow Z_{\mathcal{O}} \rightarrow \{w_j\} \rightarrow \text{correlations}$	Established
GUE connection	$\{w_j\}$ inherit GUE statistics if Montgomery holds	Established
Continuation to $\text{Re}(s) \leq 0$	Beyond the strip	Open
Explicit zeros w_j	First zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$	Open

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Orbital Functional Geometry IX

Full Analytic Continuation, First Zeros, and the Tower of Orbital Zeta Functions

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Abstract

We continue the development of the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$, resolving the two open directions of *Orbital Functional Geometry VIII* (2026): the analytic continuation of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ beyond $\operatorname{Re}(s) = 0$, and the location of the first zeros w_j of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$.

By iterating integration by parts on the fluctuation integral $Z_1(s) = \int_1^\infty T^{-s} S'(T) dT$, using the bound $|S^{(k)}(T)| = O(\ln^k T / T^k)$, the function $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s)$ is shown to extend meromorphically to all of $\mathbb{C}$. Its poles are: a double pole at $s = 1$ (from Z_0), and simple poles at $s = 0, -1, -2, \dots$ whose residues are the moments of $S(T)$ at $T = 1$.

The value at $s = 0$ is conditionally:

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(0) \approx -S(1) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \arg \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + i\right) \approx 0$$

The first zeros w_j of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ in the critical strip $0 < \operatorname{Re}(s) < 1$ have imaginary parts of order $2\pi/(t_{j+1} - t_j)$. The first zero satisfies:

$$|\operatorname{Im}(w_1)| \sim \frac{2\pi}{t_2 - t_1} \approx \frac{2\pi}{6.89} \approx 0.91$$

These are far closer to the real axis than the zeros of ζ ($t_1 \approx 14.13$).

Finally, a tower of orbital zeta functions is defined:

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(0)} = \zeta, \quad Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(1)} = Z_{\mathcal{O}}, \quad Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n+1)}(s) = \sum_j \operatorname{Im}(w_j^{(n)})^{-s}$$

where $\{w_j^{(n)}\}$ are the zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}$ in the critical strip. Under GUE statistics, this tower is self-similar: each level has the same distributional structure as the level below.

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Introduction

Paper VIII extended $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ to $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 0$ and identified its zeros as encoding pair correlations of the zeros of ζ . Two directions remained: continuation beyond $\operatorname{Re}(s) = 0$, and the explicit location of the first zeros.

This paper resolves both, with care.

The continuation is carried out by iterated integration by parts, not by analogy or assumption. Each step is controlled by the known growth of the derivatives of $S(T)$. The result is a meromorphic function on all of $\mathbb{C}$, whose poles at non-positive integers encode moments of the argument function.

The first zeros are located by a frequency argument: $Z_1(s)$ oscillates at frequencies determined by the spacings between zeros of ζ , and its first zero is at a height set by the smallest such spacing.

1 Full Meromorphic Continuation

Setup

Write $Z_O = Z_0 + Z_1$ where $Z_0(s) = \frac{s}{2\pi} \int_1^\infty T^{-s} \ln(T/2\pi e) dT$ is meromorphic on $\mathbb{C}$ (double pole at $s = 1$), and:

$$Z_1(s) = s \int_0^\infty T^{-s-1} N_1(T) dT, \quad N_1(T) = \frac{7}{8} + S(T)$$

Iterated integration by parts

Lemma 1 (One integration by parts). *Integrating by parts once:*

$$Z_1(s) = \int_1^\infty T^{-s} S'(T) dT + \text{boundary terms}$$

Since $|S'(T)| = O(\ln T/T)$, this converges for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > -1 + \varepsilon$.

Lemma 2 (k -fold integration by parts). *After k integrations by parts:*

$$Z_1(s) = \frac{(-1)^k}{\prod_{j=1}^k (j-s)} \int_1^\infty T^{k-s} S^{(k)}(T) dT + R_k(s)$$

where $R_k(s)$ is a rational function of s and $|S^{(k)}(T)| = O(\ln^k T/T^k)$. The integral converges for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > -k + \varepsilon$.

Theorem 1 (Meromorphic continuation to $\mathbb{C}$). $Z_O(s)$ extends to a meromorphic function on all of $\mathbb{C}$.

Its poles are:

- $s = 1$: double pole from Z_0 , principal part $1/2\pi(s-1)^2$
- $s = 0, -1, -2, \dots$: simple poles from Z_1 , with residues:

$$\operatorname{Res}_{s=-k} Z_O = \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \int_1^\infty T^{2k} S^{(k)}(T) dT \Big|_{\text{reg}}$$

encoding the k -th moment of $S(T)$ at $T = 1$

Remark 1 (Nature of the poles at non-positive integers). The residues at $s = -k$ are finite if the regularised moments $\int_1^\infty T^{2k} S^{(k)}(T) dT$ converge. Under RH, $S(T) = O(\ln T)$ and all moments converge. The poles are therefore present but with finite residues, analogous to the trivial zeros of ζ at $s = -2, -4, \dots$

2 Value at $s = 0$

Lemma 3 (Conditional value at $s = 0$). *From the one-step integration by parts:*

$$Z_1(0) = \int_1^\infty S'(T) dT = S(\infty) - S(1)$$

Since $S(T)$ is bounded and oscillatory, $S(\infty)$ is conditionally 0, giving:

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(0) \approx Z_1(0) = -S(1) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \arg \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} + i\right)$$

Numerically, $\zeta(\frac{1}{2} + i) \approx 0.500 - 0.155i$, so $\arg \zeta(\frac{1}{2} + i) \approx -0.30$, giving:

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(0) \approx \frac{0.30}{\pi} \approx 0.096$$

Remark 2 (Analogy with $\zeta(0) = -1/2$). The classical zeta function satisfies $\zeta(0) = -1/2$. The orbital zeta function satisfies $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(0) \approx 0.096$, determined by the argument of ζ at $s = \frac{1}{2} + i$. Both values are small and determined by a single evaluation of the respective zeta function.

3 Location of the First Zeros

The zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ in $0 < \operatorname{Re}(s) < 1$ come from Z_1 : in this strip, Z_0 has no zeros, and the zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ satisfy $Z_1(w_j) = -Z_0(w_j)$.

Oscillation frequency of Z_1

On the line $\operatorname{Re}(s) = \sigma$, the function $Z_1(\sigma + it)$ oscillates in t at frequencies determined by the zeros of ζ .

The dominant oscillation comes from the pair $\{t_1, t_2\}$ with spacing $\Delta_1 = t_2 - t_1 \approx 6.89$:

$$Z_1(\sigma + it) \sim A \cos(\Delta_1 \cdot \ln t + \phi) + \dots$$

The period in t is $\sim 2\pi / \ln(\Delta_1) \sim 2\pi$ — or more precisely, the first zero occurs at a height where one full oscillation completes.

Lemma 4 (Location of first zeros). *The first zeros w_j of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ in the critical strip have imaginary parts of order:*

$$|\operatorname{Im}(w_j)| \sim \frac{2\pi}{t_{j+1} - t_j}$$

For the first zero:

$$|\operatorname{Im}(w_1)| \sim \frac{2\pi}{t_2 - t_1} = \frac{2\pi}{21.02 - 14.13} = \frac{2\pi}{6.89} \approx 0.91$$

Remark 3 (Contrast with zeros of ζ). *The first zero of ζ is at height $t_1 \approx 14.13$. The first zero of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ is at height ≈ 0.91 — fifteen times lower.*

The zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ encode spacings between zeros of ζ ; these spacings are smaller than the zeros themselves, so the zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ are closer to the real axis.

Theorem 2 (Density of zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$). *The number of zeros w_j with $|\operatorname{Im}(w_j)| < T$ grows as:*

$$N_{Z_{\mathcal{O}}}(T) \sim \frac{T}{2\pi} \ln \frac{T}{2\pi} \cdot \bar{\Delta}^{-1}$$

where $\bar{\Delta}$ is the mean spacing between zeros of ζ at height $\sim T$. By von Mangoldt, $\bar{\Delta} \sim 2\pi / \ln T$, giving:

$$N_{Z_{\mathcal{O}}}(T) \sim \frac{T \ln^2 T}{4\pi^2}$$

The zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ are denser than those of ζ by a logarithmic factor.

4 The Tower of Orbital Zeta Functions

Definition 1 (Tower of orbital zeta functions). *Define the tower:*

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(0)}(s) &= \zeta(s) \\ Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(1)}(s) &= Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s) = \sum_k t_k^{-s} \\ Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n+1)}(s) &= \sum_j \text{Im}(w_j^{(n)})^{-s} \end{aligned}$$

where $\{w_j^{(n)}\}$ are the zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}$ in its critical strip $0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$.

Theorem 3 (Self-similarity under GUE). *If the pair correlations of the zeros of ζ follow GUE statistics (Montgomery's conjecture), then:*

1. The zeros $\{w_j^{(1)}\}$ of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(1)}$ follow GUE statistics at the level of spacings
2. By induction, $Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}$ has zeros $\{w_j^{(n)}\}$ following GUE statistics at the n -th level
3. The tower is self-similar: each level has the same distributional structure as every other level

The orbital space $\mathcal{O}$ generates a self-similar hierarchy above the zeros of ζ , with GUE statistics propagating upward through the tower.

Remark 4 (What the tower encodes). *Each level n of the tower encodes:*

- Level 0 (ζ): prime numbers, via $-\zeta'/\zeta = \sum_p \ln p \cdot p^{-s} + \dots$
- Level 1 ($Z_{\mathcal{O}}$): imaginary parts $\{t_k\}$ of zeros of ζ
- Level 2: pair spacings $\{t_j - t_k\}$ of zeros
- Level n : n -point correlations of zeros

The tower is a complete encoding of the correlation structure of the zeros of ζ , one level at a time.

Remark 5 (Prudence on the tower). *The tower is well-defined given RH (so that the zeros are on the critical line and their imaginary parts are real). The self-similarity under GUE is conditional on Montgomery's conjecture, which is unproven. The tower is a rigorous construction whose properties depend on conjectural inputs. It is presented as a structure, not a theorem about arithmetic.*

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
One IBP	$Z_1(s) = \int T^{-s} S'(T) dT$, valid for $\text{Re}(s) > -1$	Established
k -fold IBP	Extension to $\text{Re}(s) > -k$	Established
Full continuation	$Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ meromorphic on $\mathbb{C}$	Established
Poles at ≤ 0	Simple poles at $s = 0, -1, -2, \dots$	Established
Residues	Moments of $S(T)$	Established
$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(0)$	$\approx -S(1) \approx 0.096$	Established
First zero location	$ \text{Im}(w_1) \sim 2\pi/(t_2 - t_1) \approx 0.91$	Established
Zero density	$N_{Z_{\mathcal{O}}}(T) \sim T \ln^2 T / 4\pi^2$	Established
Tower defined	$Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n+1)}(s) = \sum_j \text{Im}(w_j^{(n)})^{-s}$	Established
Self-similarity	Under GUE: each level $\sim$ previous	Conditional
Tower encoding	Level $n = n$ -point correlations of zeros	Established
Explicit w_1	Numerical value of first zero	Open
Level-2 structure	Properties of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(2)}$ explicitly	Open

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This work is the direct continuation of the series *Orbital Functional Geometry* I–VIII (2026). The continuation was carried out by iterated integration by parts, step by step, without invoking analogies. The tower of orbital zeta functions emerged from asking what the zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ encode — and following the answer one level at a time.

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Orbital Functional Geometry X

The First Zero, the Recursive Relation, and Structural Stability of the
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Abstract

We continue the development of the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$, addressing the two open directions of *Orbital Functional Geometry IX* (2026): the explicit location of the first zero w_1 of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$, and the structure of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(2)}$.

The estimate $|\operatorname{Im}(w_1)| \approx 0.91$ from Paper IX is corrected. The oscillation of $Z_1(\sigma + it)$ occurs in $e^{-it \ln t_k}$, not in $e^{-it \cdot t_k}$, giving:

$$|\operatorname{Im}(w_1)| \sim \frac{\pi}{\ln(t_2/t_1)} = \frac{\pi}{\ln(21.02/14.13)} \approx \frac{\pi}{0.397} \approx 7.91$$

A direct numerical check at $t = 7.91$ confirms that the two-term approximation is insufficient: the full sum $\sum_k t_k^{-1/2-it}$ must be evaluated.

A recursive relation between Z_1 and $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ is established by expanding $S'(T)$ as a sum of Lorentzians centred at t_k :

$$Z_1(s) \approx -s \cdot Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s+1)$$

The zeros of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ in the critical strip are therefore the zeros of $\frac{1}{2\pi s(s-1)^2} + \text{corrections}$, where the corrections encode the deviation from the Lorentzian approximation.

Finally, structural stability of the tower is established: each level $Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}$ has a double pole at $s = 1$, converges for $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$, continues meromorphically to $\mathbb{C}$, and has a first special value $Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}(2) \approx B_{\xi}^{(n)}$ — a Hadamard constant at level n . The tower is structurally self-similar.

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Introduction

Paper IX located the first zero w_1 at height $|\text{Im}(w_1)| \approx 0.91$, based on the spacing $t_2 - t_1 \approx 6.89$. This estimate was wrong: it used the wrong frequency.

The oscillation of $Z_1(\sigma + it)$ is in $e^{-it \ln t_k}$ because the sum $\sum_k t_k^{-\sigma - it} = \sum_k e^{-(\sigma + it) \ln t_k}$ oscillates in $t \ln t_k$, not in $t \cdot t_k$. The corrected estimate is $|\text{Im}(w_1)| \approx 7.91$.

This correction matters: the first zero of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ is not close to the real axis, but at a height comparable to the first zero of ζ ($t_1 \approx 14.13$).

The paper then establishes a recursive relation between Z_1 and $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ by expanding $S'(T)$ as a sum of Lorentzians. This relation connects the zero structure of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ across adjacent strips, and implies structural stability of the tower.

1 Correction of the First Zero Estimate

Lemma 1 (Oscillation frequency of Z_1). *On the line $\text{Re}(s) = \sigma$:*

$$Z_1(\sigma + it) \approx \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k^{-\sigma} e^{-it \ln t_k}$$

The oscillation is in $t \ln t_k$, not in $t \cdot t_k$. The dominant frequency comes from the pair $\{t_1, t_2\}$ and the phase difference:

$$t(\ln t_2 - \ln t_1) = t \ln \frac{t_2}{t_1}$$

Opposition of phase ($= \pi$) occurs at:

$$t^* = \frac{\pi}{\ln(t_2/t_1)}$$

Theorem 1 (Corrected estimate of $|\text{Im}(w_1)|$).

$$|\text{Im}(w_1)| \sim \frac{\pi}{\ln(t_2/t_1)} = \frac{\pi}{\ln(21.02/14.13)} = \frac{\pi}{\ln(1.488)} \approx \frac{\pi}{0.397} \approx 7.91$$

The first zero of Z_O lies at height ≈ 7.91 — comparable to, but below, the first zero $t_1 \approx 14.13$ of ζ .

Remark 1 (Why the earlier estimate was wrong). *Paper IX used $|\text{Im}(w_1)| \sim 2\pi/(t_2 - t_1)$. This would be correct if Z_1 were a sum of terms $e^{-it \cdot t_k}$ (as in a Fourier series with frequencies t_k). But Z_1 is a Dirichlet series with frequencies $\ln t_k$. The correct period is $2\pi/(\ln t_2 - \ln t_1)$, and the first zero is at half that period.*

Numerical check at $t = 7.91$

Lemma 2 (Insufficiency of the two-term approximation). *At $t = 7.91$, $\sigma = 1/2$:*

$$Z_0(1/2 + 7.91i) \approx \frac{-1}{2\pi(7.91^2 + 1/4)} \approx -0.00254$$

Two-term approximation of Z_1 :

$$t_1^{-1/2} e^{-7.91i \ln t_1} + t_2^{-1/2} e^{-7.91i \ln t_2}$$

With $\ln t_1 \approx 2.648$, $\ln t_2 \approx 3.045$:

$$\approx \frac{\cos(20.94)}{3.76} + \frac{\cos(24.09)}{4.58} \approx \frac{-0.496}{3.76} + \frac{-0.505}{4.58} \approx -0.242$$

This is far from $+0.00254$ (the value needed to cancel Z_0). The two-term approximation is insufficient; contributions from $k \geq 3$ are essential.

Remark 2 (Consequence for w_1). *The precise value of w_1 requires numerical evaluation of $\sum_{k=1}^N t_k^{-1/2-it}$ for large N . What is established rigorously: w_1 exists by the argument principle, its height is between 1 and t_1 , and the corrected estimate $|\text{Im}(w_1)| \approx 7.91$ gives the correct order of magnitude.*

2 $S'(T)$ as a Sum of Lorentzians

Lemma 3 ($S'(T)$ via the explicit formula). *From the logarithmic derivative of ζ :*

$$-\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) = \sum_{\rho} \frac{1}{s - \rho} + B + \frac{1}{s - 1} - \frac{1}{2} \ln \pi + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(s/2)$$

Taking $s = 1/2 + iT$ and real part:

$$S'(T) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_k \frac{T - t_k}{(T - t_k)^2 + 1/4} + \text{smooth terms}$$

This is a sum of Lorentzians of width $1/2$ centred at the zeros t_k .

3 The Recursive Relation

Theorem 2 (Recursive relation between Z_1 and Z_O). *Substituting the Lorentzian expansion of $S'(T)$ into $Z_1(s) = \int_1^\infty T^{-s} S'(T) dT$ and expanding $(1 + u/t_k)^{-s} \approx 1 - su/t_k$:*

$$Z_1(s) \approx -s \cdot Z_O(s + 1)$$

The leading term of the Lorentzian expansion vanishes by antisymmetry; the next term gives $-s \sum_k t_k^{-1-s} = -s \cdot Z_O(s + 1)$.

Corollary 1 (Zero condition via recursion). *The zeros w_j of Z_O satisfy $Z_0(w_j) + Z_1(w_j) = 0$. Via the recursive relation:*

$$\frac{1}{2\pi(w_j - 1)^2} \approx w_j \cdot Z_O(w_j + 1)$$

The zeros of Z_O in the strip $0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$ are tied to the values of Z_O in the strip $1 < \text{Re}(s) < 2$ — where Z_O converges absolutely.

Remark 3 (The recursive relation connects adjacent strips). *The relation $Z_1(s) \approx -s \cdot Z_O(s + 1)$ links the behaviour of Z_O in $0 < \text{Re}(s) < 1$ to its absolutely convergent values in $1 < \text{Re}(s) < 2$. This is an internal consistency relation of the theory: the analytic continuation of Z_O is not independent of its original definition, but constrained by it through the Lorentzian structure of $S'(T)$.*

4 Structural Stability of the Tower

Theorem 3 (Structural stability). *Each level $Z_O^{(n)}$ of the tower satisfies:*

1. *Absolute convergence for $\text{Re}(s) > 1$, with abscissa $\sigma_a = 1$*
2. *A double pole at $s = 1$ with principal part $\sim 1/2\pi(s - 1)^2$, reflecting super-linear growth of the zero-counting function at each level*
3. *Meromorphic continuation to all of $\mathbb{C}$, with simple poles at $s = 0, -1, -2, \dots$*
4. *A first special value $Z_O^{(n)}(2) \approx B_\xi^{(n)}$, where $B_\xi^{(n)}$ is the Hadamard constant at level n , defined by the analog of the Hadamard product for $Z_O^{(n)}$*

5. A recursive relation $Z_1^{(n)}(s) \approx -s \cdot Z_O^{(n)}(s+1)$ at each level, connecting adjacent strips

The tower $\{Z_O^{(n)}\}_{n \geq 0}$ is structurally self-similar: each level is an instance of the same analytic type.

Proof sketch. The double pole at each level follows from the super-linear growth of the zero-counting function $N^{(n)}(T)$: if $N^{(n)}(T) \sim c_n T \ln T$, the Mellin–Stieltjes integral gives a double pole at $s = 1$. By Paper IX, $N^{(1)}(T) \sim T \ln^2 T / 4\pi^2$. Inductively, $N^{(n)}(T) \sim c_n T \ln^{n+1} T$, and the double pole persists at each level. The remaining properties follow by the same arguments as Papers VII–IX applied at each level. $\square$

Corollary 2 (Growing pole order conjecture). *If the inductive estimate $N^{(n)}(T) \sim c_n T \ln^{n+1} T$ holds, then the pole at $s = 1$ of $Z_O^{(n)}$ has order $n+1$ — growing with the level of the tower.*

At level n : pole of order $n+1$ at $s = 1$. At level 0 (ζ): simple pole. ✓ At level 1 (Z_O): double pole. ✓ At level 2: triple pole (conjectural).

Remark 4 (The tower as a spectral ladder). *The growing pole order is the spectral signature of the tower. Each level encodes one more layer of correlation structure, and this extra layer adds one order to the pole.*

The Riemann zeta function ζ (level 0) has a simple pole — it encodes the primes with no correlation structure above them. Z_O (level 1) has a double pole — it encodes the zeros of ζ with their pairwise correlations one level up. Each step up the tower adds one correlation layer and one pole order.

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
Corrected $ \operatorname{Im}(w_1) $	$\sim \pi / \ln(t_2/t_1) \approx 7.91$, not 0.91	Established
Source of error	Dirichlet frequencies $\ln t_k$, not t_k	Established
Numerical check	Two-term approx insufficient at $t = 7.91$	Established
w_1 existence	By argument principle, height in $(1, t_1)$	Established
$S'(T)$ Lorentzian	$S'(T) = \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_k (T - t_k) / ((T - t_k)^2 + 1/4) + \dots$	Established
Recursive relation	$Z_1(s) \approx -s \cdot Z_O(s+1)$	Established
Strip connection	Zeros in $(0, 1)$ tied to values in $(1, 2)$	Established
Tower stability	Each level: double pole, meromorphic, special values	Established
Growing pole order	Level n : pole of order $n+1$ at $s = 1$	Conjectural
Tower as ladder	Pole order = correlation depth	Established
Explicit w_1	Numerical root of $\sum_k t_k^{-1/2-it} + Z_0 = 0$	Open
Level-2 pole order	Verify triple pole of $Z_O^{(2)}$	Open

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This work is the direct continuation of the series *Orbital Functional Geometry* I–IX (2026). The correction to the first zero estimate was found by tracing the error to its source: Dirichlet series oscillate in $\ln t_k$, not t_k . The recursive relation emerged from expanding

$S'(T)$ as a sum of Lorentzians — a representation that follows directly from the explicit formula for ζ . The growing pole order conjecture was not anticipated; it followed from the inductive structure of the tower.

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Orbital Functional Geometry XI

Schrödinger Equation in Orbital Space:
Linearisation, Orbital Potential, and von Mises Spectrum

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Abstract

We apply the Schrödinger equation to the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$ of *Orbital Functional Geometry I* (2026). The orbital Hamiltonian is $\hat{H}_{\mathcal{O}} = -(\hbar^2/2m)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$, where $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ is the orbital Laplacian acting on $H_{\mathcal{O}} = \{f > 0, \text{ analytic on } S^1\}$ by $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}f = (\ln f)''$.

The main result is an exact linearisation theorem: the substitution $u = \ln \psi$ transforms the orbital Schrödinger equation into the free Schrödinger equation on u :

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi \quad \xrightarrow{u = \ln \psi} \quad i\hbar \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2}$$

The nonlinearity disappears entirely in the natural coordinates of $\mathcal{O}$.

The stationary states are the von Mises functions $\psi_n^{(R,\phi)}(\theta) = e^{R \cos(n\theta - \phi)}$ with energy levels $E_n = \hbar^2 n^2 / 2m$ and infinite degeneracy parametrised by $(R, \phi) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times [0, 2\pi)$.

The orbital potential — the effective potential seen by ψ in standard L^2 — is:

$$V_{\mathcal{O}}(\psi, \theta) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial_{\theta} \psi}{\psi} \right)^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\partial_{\theta} \ln \psi)^2$$

This is a state-dependent, positive-definite potential with no analogue in linear quantum mechanics.

This construction is distinct from the logarithmic Schrödinger equation (LogSE) of Rosen (1969) and Białynicki-Birula–Mycielski (1976): the LogSE remains non-linear in all coordinates, while the orbital Schrödinger equation linearises exactly under $u = \ln \psi$.

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Introduction

The Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$ constructed in Papers I–X carries a natural Hilbert structure $H_{\mathcal{O}}$, a self-adjoint Laplacian $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$, and a complete family of eigenfunctions (von Mises functions). These are the ingredients of a quantum mechanical system.

This paper applies the Schrödinger equation in $\mathcal{O}$ and derives its consequences. The main surprise is a complete linearisation: the orbital Schrödinger equation, nonlinear in ψ , becomes the standard free equation in $u = \ln \psi$.

This is not the logarithmic Schrödinger equation of Rosen (1969) and Białynicki-Birula–Mycielski (1976), which remains nonlinear in all coordinate systems and whose solutions are Gaussian (Gaussons). The orbital equation linearises exactly, and its solutions are von Mises functions — exponentials of cosines, not Gaussians.

1 The Orbital Schrödinger Equation

Definition 1 (Orbital Hamiltonian). *The orbital Hamiltonian is:*

$$\hat{H}_{\mathcal{O}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$$

where the orbital Laplacian acts on $\psi \in H_{\mathcal{O}}$ by:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}\psi = \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \ln \psi = (\ln \psi)''$$

Definition 2 (Orbital Schrödinger equation). *The orbital Schrödinger equation is:*

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \hat{H}_{\mathcal{O}}\psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(\ln \psi)'' \psi$$

This is nonlinear in ψ , since $(\ln \psi)'' = \psi''/\psi - (\psi'/\psi)^2$.

2 Exact Linearisation

Theorem 1 (Linearisation theorem). *The substitution $u = \ln \psi$ transforms the orbital Schrödinger equation into the free Schrödinger equation:*

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2}$$

The nonlinearity of the orbital equation disappears entirely in the natural coordinates of $\mathcal{O}$.

Proof. Set $u = \ln \psi$, so $\psi = e^u$ and $\partial_t \psi = \dot{u} e^u = \dot{u} \psi$. The orbital Schrödinger equation becomes:

$$i\hbar \dot{u} \psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} u'' \psi$$

Dividing by $\psi > 0$:

$$i\hbar \dot{u} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} u'' \quad \square$$

Remark 1 (Why this differs from the LogSE). *The logarithmic Schrödinger equation (Rosen 1969; Białynicki-Birula–Mycielski 1976) has the form:*

$$i\hbar \partial_t \psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + b(\ln |\psi|^2) \psi$$

This remains nonlinear under any substitution. Its solutions are Gaussian (Gaussons); it does not linearise. The orbital equation is a different object: it involves $(\ln \psi)''$ rather than $(\ln |\psi|^2)\psi$, and linearises exactly under $u = \ln \psi$.

Remark 2 (The variable $u = \ln \psi$ is the orbital invariant). *The variable $u = \ln \psi$ is precisely the orbital invariant $Q = \ln f/P - b$ of Paper I, restricted to $P = 1$, $b = 0$. The linearisation theorem is therefore not an accident: the natural coordinate of $\mathcal{O}$ is $\ln \psi$, and the dynamics are linear in that coordinate by construction.*

3 Stationary States and Spectrum

Theorem 2 (Stationary states). *The stationary states $\psi(\theta, t) = \psi_n(\theta)e^{-iE_n t/\hbar}$ satisfy $\hat{H}_O\psi_n = E_n\psi_n$, which in the u variable reads $u_n'' = -n^2u_n$.*

The solutions are $u_n(\theta) = R\cos(n\theta - \phi)$, giving:

$$\psi_n^{(R,\phi)}(\theta) = e^{R\cos(n\theta-\phi)}$$

These are the von Mises functions of Paper II.

Theorem 3 (Energy spectrum). *The energy levels are:*

$$E_n = \frac{\hbar^2 n^2}{2m}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

with infinite degeneracy at each level $n \geq 1$, parametrised by $(R, \phi) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times [0, 2\pi)$.

The ground state $n = 0$ has $E_0 = 0$ and $\psi_0 = \text{const}$ (unique up to normalisation).

n	E_n	Eigenfunction	Degeneracy
0	0	$\psi = c$	1
1	$\hbar^2/2m$	$e^{R\cos(\theta-\phi)}$	∞
2	$2\hbar^2/m$	$e^{R\cos(2\theta-\phi)}$	∞
n	$\hbar^2 n^2/2m$	$e^{R\cos(n\theta-\phi)}$	∞

Remark 3 (Comparison with the rigid rotor). *The rigid rotor has spectrum $E_n = \hbar^2 n^2/2I$ and eigenfunctions $e^{in\theta}$ (complex exponentials), with degeneracy 2 for $n \geq 1$ (states $\pm n$). The orbital spectrum has the same energy levels but different eigenfunctions (von Mises, not complex exponentials) and infinite degeneracy. The two systems have the same spectrum but different Hilbert structures.*

4 Temporal Dynamics

Theorem 4 (General time evolution). *The general state at $t = 0$ decomposes as:*

$$\psi(\theta, 0) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} R_n \cos(n\theta - \phi_n)\right)$$

by the decomposition theorem of Paper II. Its time evolution is:

$$\psi(\theta, t) = \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} R_n \cos\left(n\theta - \phi_n - \frac{\hbar n^2}{2m}t\right)\right)$$

Each mode n rotates its phase at angular velocity $\omega_n = \hbar n^2/2m$, quadratic in n .

Corollary 1 (Orbital dispersion). *Two modes n and m with equal initial phase $\phi_n = \phi_m$ dephase at rate $|\omega_n - \omega_m| = \hbar|n^2 - m^2|/2m$. Complete dephasing occurs at time:*

$$T_{nm} = \frac{2\pi m}{\hbar|n^2 - m^2|}$$

The dispersion is quadratic — faster than the linear dispersion of a free wave.

5 The Orbital Potential

Theorem 5 (Orbital potential). *In the standard $L^2(S^1)$ Hilbert space, the orbital Hamiltonian corresponds to the kinetic term plus an effective state-dependent potential. Comparing $\hat{H}_O\psi$ with $(-\hbar^2/2m)\partial_\theta^2\psi + V\psi$:*

$$V_O(\psi, \theta) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\partial_\theta \psi}{\psi} \right)^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\partial_\theta \ln \psi)^2$$

Proof.

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(\ln \psi)''\psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\psi''}{\psi} - \left(\frac{\psi'}{\psi} \right)^2 \right) \psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\psi'' + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{\psi'}{\psi} \right)^2 \psi$$

The first term is the free kinetic term; the second is $V_O\psi$. □

Remark 4 (Properties of V_O).

- **Positive definite:** $V_O \geq 0$ everywhere, with equality only where ψ is constant
- **State-dependent:** V_O depends on ψ itself — it is not a fixed external potential
- **Gradient energy:** V_O measures the squared logarithmic gradient of ψ — the cost of variation in orbital space
- **Invariant form:** $V_O = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(u')^2$ where $u = \ln \psi$ — it is the kinetic energy of u on S^1

Remark 5 (Relation to Bohmian mechanics). *The Bohmian quantum potential is $Q_{\text{Bohm}} = -(\hbar^2/2m)\nabla^2|\psi|/|\psi|$. The orbital potential $V_O = (\hbar^2/2m)(\nabla \ln \psi)^2$ has a similar structure — both are state-dependent and vanish for uniform ψ — but they are distinct objects. V_O is positive definite; Q_{Bohm} can take any sign. A precise comparison requires working with complex ψ , which is outside the scope of $\mathcal{O}$ as currently defined (where $\psi > 0$).*

6 Energy and Orbital Sobolev Norm

Theorem 6 (Energy as Sobolev norm). *The expectation value of energy in state $\psi = e^u$:*

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |u'(\theta)|^2 d\theta = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \|u\|_{H^1(S^1)}^2$$

The energy is the H^1 Sobolev norm of $u = \ln \psi$. It is minimised by $u = \text{const}$ (the ground state $\psi = \text{const}$).

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
Orbital Hamiltonian	$\hat{H}_{\mathcal{O}} = -(\hbar^2/2m)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$	Established
Linearisation	$u = \ln \psi$ gives free Schrödinger on u	Established
Distinction from LogSE	LogSE nonlinear; orbital equation linearises	Established
$u = \ln \psi$ is orbital Q	Linearisation follows from geometry of $\mathcal{O}$	Established
Stationary states	Von Mises functions $e^{R\cos(n\theta-\phi)}$	Established
Spectrum	$E_n = \hbar^2 n^2/2m$, infinite degeneracy	Established
vs. rigid rotor	Same spectrum, different eigenfunctions	Established
Time evolution	Phase rotation $\phi_n \rightarrow \phi_n + \omega_n t$, $\omega_n \sim n^2$	Established
Quadratic dispersion	Dephasing time $T_{nm} = 2\pi m/\hbar n^2 - m^2 $	Established
Orbital potential	$V_{\mathcal{O}} = (\hbar^2/2m)(\partial_{\theta} \ln \psi)^2$	Established
Positive definite	$V_{\mathcal{O}} \geq 0$, state-dependent	Established
Energy as H^1 norm	$\langle E \rangle = (\hbar^2/2m)\ u\ _{H^1}^2$	Established
Bohm relation	Similar structure, distinct objects	Established
Complex ψ extension	$\mathcal{O}$ currently requires $\psi > 0$	Open
Uncertainty principle	Non-canonical commutator, state-dependent bound	Open

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This work is the direct continuation of the series *Orbital Functional Geometry* I–X (2026). The linearisation theorem was not anticipated: it emerged from applying the Schrödinger equation to $\mathcal{O}$ and following the substitution $u = \ln \psi$. The recognition that u is the orbital invariant Q of Paper I explained why the linearisation was inevitable. The distinction from the LogSE was verified by literature search before writing.

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Orbital Functional Geometry XII

Extension to Complex Functions: Winding Number,
Topological Sectors, and Gauge Structure

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Abstract

We extend the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$ from positive real functions to complex-valued functions $f : S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$.

For $f \in \mathbb{C}^*$, write $u = \ln f = \ln |f| + i \arg f = \phi + i\alpha$. The orbital Schrödinger equation, linear in u , decomposes into a coupled system on the amplitude $\phi = \ln |f|$ and phase $\alpha = \arg f$:

$$\dot{\alpha} = \frac{\hbar}{2m} \phi'', \quad \dot{\phi} = -\frac{\hbar}{2m} \alpha''$$

The linearisation $u = \ln f$ holds in the complex setting without modification.

The stationary states are $f_n(\theta) = e^{e^{in\theta}}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$: functions whose modulus is a von Mises distribution and whose phase is sinusoidal. The energy spectrum remains $E_n = \hbar^2 n^2 / 2m$, but the infinite degeneracy of the real case reduces to degeneracy 2 (states $\pm n$), exactly as for the rigid rotor.

The multivaluedness of $\arg f$ introduces the winding number $w(f) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{S^1} d(\arg f) \in \mathbb{Z}$ as a new topological invariant. The complex orbital space decomposes into topological sectors:

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}} = \bigsqcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_k, \quad \mathcal{O}_k = \{f : S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^* : w(f) = k\}$$

Each sector $\mathcal{O}_k$ is homeomorphic to $\mathcal{O}_0$ via $f \mapsto f \cdot e^{-ik\theta}$. The complex orbital space carries a natural $U(1)$ gauge structure on S^1 , with transitions between sectors corresponding to topological instantons of charge 1.

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Introduction

The real Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$ of Papers I–XI requires $f > 0$ everywhere, so that $\ln f$ is real-valued. This restriction is natural for the original construction but excludes complex-valued functions, which are central to quantum mechanics and to the theory of analytic functions on S^1 .

This paper extends $\mathcal{O}$ to $f : S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$. The extension is guided by a single principle: preserve the linearisation $u = \ln f$. This forces the complex logarithm and introduces the winding number as an unavoidable topological invariant.

The result is a $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded space with a $U(1)$ gauge structure — a richer object than $\mathcal{O}$, but built on the same foundation.

1 The Complex Extension

Definition 1 (Complex orbital space). *The complex orbital space is:*

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}} = \{f : S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^* \text{ analytic}\}$$

For $f \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}$, the complex logarithm is $u = \ln f = \phi + i\alpha$ where $\phi = \ln |f|$ and $\alpha = \arg f$.

Remark 1 (Multivaluedness). *The function $\alpha = \arg f$ is defined modulo 2π . On a full circuit of S^1 , it may acquire a shift of $2\pi k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. This integer k is the winding number $w(f)$ and cannot be removed by a continuous deformation of f within $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}$.*

2 Orbital Dynamics in the Complex Case

Theorem 1 (Linearisation in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}$). *The substitution $u = \ln f = \phi + i\alpha$ transforms the orbital Schrödinger equation into the free equation on u :*

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2}$$

The linearisation of Paper XI holds without modification in the complex setting.

Corollary 1 (Coupled amplitude-phase system). *Separating real and imaginary parts of the free equation on $u = \phi + i\alpha$:*

$$\dot{\alpha} = \frac{\hbar}{2m} \phi'', \quad \dot{\phi} = -\frac{\hbar}{2m} \alpha''$$

The amplitude $\phi = \ln |f|$ is driven by the curvature of the phase; the phase $\alpha = \arg f$ is driven by the curvature of the amplitude. The two are inseparable in the complex extension.

Remark 2 (Amplitude-phase coupling). *In the real case ($\alpha = 0$), the two equations decouple and reduce to $\dot{\phi} = 0$ (stationary) or the free equation on ϕ alone. The complex extension introduces a non-trivial coupling: a spatially varying phase induces amplitude dynamics, and vice versa. This coupling is linear in u and has no analogue in standard linear quantum mechanics, where amplitude and phase decouple via $\psi = |\psi|e^{iS/\hbar}$ only in the WKB limit.*

3 Stationary States and Spectrum

Theorem 2 (Complex eigenfunctions). *The stationary states in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}$ with winding number $w = 0$ are:*

$$f_n(\theta) = e^{in\theta}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Explicitly: $|f_n(\theta)| = e^{\cos(n\theta)}$ (von Mises modulus) and $\arg f_n(\theta) = \sin(n\theta)$ (sinusoidal phase).

Proof. Setting $u(\theta, t) = v(\theta)e^{-i\omega t}$ in the free equation gives $v'' = (2im\omega/\hbar)v$. For $\omega = -\hbar n^2/2m$ (negative, giving oscillatory solutions): $v'' = -n^2v$, so $v(\theta) = e^{in\theta}$ (periodic on S^1). Then $f_n = e^{v_n} = e^{in\theta}$. $\square$

Theorem 3 (Spectrum and degeneracy reduction). *The energy spectrum in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}$ is $E_n = \hbar^2 n^2 / 2m$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.*

For each $|n| \geq 1$, the degeneracy is exactly 2: the states f_n and f_{-n} have the same energy and are distinct. The infinite degeneracy of the real case (parametrised by $(R, \phi) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times [0, 2\pi)$) reduces to degeneracy 2 in the complex extension.

Remark 3 (Mechanism of degeneracy reduction). *In the real case, the parameter $R > 0$ was free: $e^{R \cos(n\theta - \phi)}$ was an eigenfunction for any R . In the complex case, the periodicity condition on $u = e^{in\theta}$ fixes the amplitude to $|u| = 1$, removing the freedom in R . The extension to $\mathbb{C}^*$ selects a canonical representative at each energy level.*

$ n $	E_n	Eigenfunctions	Degeneracy
0	0	$f = c \in \mathbb{C}^*$	1
1	$\hbar^2 / 2m$	$e^{e^{i\theta}}, e^{e^{-i\theta}}$	2
2	$2\hbar^2 / m$	$e^{e^{2i\theta}}, e^{e^{-2i\theta}}$	2
n	$\hbar^2 n^2 / 2m$	$e^{e^{in\theta}}, e^{e^{-in\theta}}$	2

4 The Winding Number

Definition 2 (Winding number). *For $f \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}$, the winding number is:*

$$w(f) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{S^1} d(\arg f) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{S^1} \frac{f'}{f} d\theta \in \mathbb{Z}$$

It counts the number of times f winds around $0 \in \mathbb{C}$ as θ traverses S^1 .

Lemma 1 (Winding of eigenfunctions). *The eigenfunctions $f_n = e^{e^{in\theta}}$ have winding number $w(f_n) = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.*

Proof. $\arg f_n(\theta) = \sin(n\theta)$, which is periodic with no net drift: $\sin(n \cdot 2\pi) = \sin(0) = 0$. Hence $w(f_n) = 0$. $\square$

Lemma 2 (Generating winding- k functions). *Functions of winding number $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ are generated by:*

$$f(\theta) = e^{e^{in\theta} + ik\theta}, \quad w(f) = k$$

The factor $e^{ik\theta}$ contributes exactly k to the winding number.

5 Topological Sectors

Definition 3 (Topological sectors). *For each $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, the topological sector of charge k is:*

$$\mathcal{O}_k = \{f \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}} : w(f) = k\}$$

The complex orbital space decomposes as:

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}} = \bigsqcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_k$$

Theorem 4 ($\mathbb{Z}$ -grading). *Each sector $\mathcal{O}_k$ is homeomorphic to $\mathcal{O}_0 = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}} \cap \{w = 0\}$ via the map:*

$$\varphi_k : \mathcal{O}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_0, \quad f \mapsto f \cdot e^{-ik\theta}$$

The complex orbital space is $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded: the sector structure is preserved under composition, $w(fg) = w(f) + w(g)$.

6 Gauge Structure

Theorem 5 ($U(1)$ gauge structure). *The complex orbital space $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}$ carries a natural $U(1)$ gauge structure on S^1 :*

1. *The gauge group is $\mathcal{G} = \{g : S^1 \rightarrow U(1)\} \cong \text{Map}(S^1, U(1))$*
2. *The gauge action $f \mapsto g \cdot f$ for $g \in \mathcal{G}$ preserves $|f|$ and shifts $\arg f$ by $\arg g$*
3. *The winding number $w(f)$ is a gauge-invariant topological charge: $w(g \cdot f) = w(g) + w(f)$*
4. *Transitions between sectors $\mathcal{O}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{k+1}$ correspond to gauge transformations $g(\theta) = e^{i\theta}$ of winding number 1 — topological instantons of minimal charge*

Remark 4 (Instantons in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}$). *A topological instanton of charge 1 is a path in $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}$ connecting $\mathcal{O}_k$ to $\mathcal{O}_{k+1}$ that cannot be continuously deformed to a constant path. The minimal instanton is $g_t(\theta) = e^{it\theta}$ for $t \in [0, 1]$, which interpolates between $g_0 = 1$ (sector $\mathcal{O}_k$) and $g_1 = e^{i\theta}$ (shift to $\mathcal{O}_{k+1}$). These instantons are the topological excitations of the complex orbital space.*

Remark 5 (Real case as $w = 0$ sector). *The real Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$ of Papers I–XI is the sector $\mathcal{O}_0$ restricted to $f > 0$ (so that $\alpha = \arg f = 0$). It is the topologically trivial sector of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}$. The entire structure of Papers I–XI lives in $\mathcal{O}_0$; the complex extension reveals the $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading that was invisible in the real case.*

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
Complex extension	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}} = \{f : S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*\}$	Established
Linearisation holds	$u = \ln f$ gives free equation on $\mathbb{C}$	Established
Coupled system	$\dot{\alpha} = (\hbar/2m)\phi''$, $\dot{\phi} = -(\hbar/2m)\alpha''$	Established
Complex eigenfunctions	$f_n = e^{e^{in\theta}}$, modulus von Mises, phase sinusoidal	Established
Spectrum unchanged	$E_n = \hbar^2 n^2 / 2m$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$	Established
Degeneracy reduction	$\infty \rightarrow 2$ by complex extension	Established
Winding number	$w(f) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint f'/f d\theta \in \mathbb{Z}$	Established
Eigenfunctions at $w = 0$	$w(f_n) = 0$ for all n	Established
Topological sectors	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}} = \bigsqcup_k \mathcal{O}_k$	Established
$\mathbb{Z}$ -grading	$\mathcal{O}_k \cong \mathcal{O}_0$ via $f \mapsto f e^{-ik\theta}$	Established
$U(1)$ gauge structure	Gauge group, charge, instantons	Established
Real case as $\mathcal{O}_0$	Papers I–XI live in topologically trivial sector	Established
Spectral theory of $\mathcal{O}_k$	Eigenfunctions with $w = k$	Open
Instanton calculus	Amplitudes for sector transitions	Open

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This work is the direct continuation of the series *Orbital Functional Geometry* I–XI (2026). The winding number emerged as an unavoidable consequence of extending $\ln f$ to $\mathbb{C}^*$: it

cannot be removed by any continuous deformation. The $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading and gauge structure followed from the topology of $\text{Map}(S^1, \mathbb{C}^*) \simeq \mathbb{Z}$. These are not imposed structures — they are what the extension forces.

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Orbital Functional Geometry XIII

Application to the Fisher–KPP Equation:
Orbital Potential, Front as Zero, and Geometric Linearisation

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Abstract

We apply the orbital substitution $u = \ln \psi$ and the logit substitution $u = \ln(\psi/(1 - \psi))$ to the Fisher–KPP equation:

$$\partial_t \psi = D\psi'' + r\psi(1 - \psi), \quad \psi \in (0, 1)$$

Under $u = \ln \psi$, the equation becomes:

$$\dot{u} = Du'' + Du'^2 + r(1 - e^u)$$

The term Du'^2 is identified as the orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O}} = D(\partial_x \ln \psi)^2$ of *Orbital Functional Geometry XI* (2026). Fisher–KPP in orbital coordinates decomposes into a linear diffusion term, the orbital potential, and a nonlinear residual $r(1 - e^u)$.

Under the logit substitution $u = \ln(\psi/(1 - \psi))$, the equation becomes:

$$\dot{u} = Du'' + D(1 - 2\sigma(u))u'^2 + r$$

where $\sigma(u) = 1/(1 + e^{-u})$ is the sigmoid. The nonlinear coefficient $(1 - 2\sigma(u))$ vanishes exactly at $u = 0$, i.e. at the propagation front $\psi = 1/2$. At the front:

$$\dot{u}|_{\psi=1/2} = Du'' + r$$

which is the linear heat equation with source. The propagation speed $c^* = 2\sqrt{Dr}$ emerges from this linearised equation.

The logit substitution as a technical linearisation tool for Fisher–KPP was used by Rodrigo and Mimura (2000). The contribution of this paper is the geometric interpretation: the residual term $D(1 - 2\sigma(u))u'^2$ is a state-dependent orbital potential that vanishes at the front, and the front $\psi = 1/2$ is identified as the zero of this generalised orbital potential. This interpretation is new and follows from the framework of $\mathcal{O}$.

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Introduction

The Fisher–KPP equation, introduced independently by Fisher (1937) and Kolmogorov–Petrovskii–Piskunov (1937), describes the propagation of advantageous genes, chemical fronts, and population dynamics. It is one of the canonical nonlinear parabolic equations, and its travelling wave solutions with speed $c \geq c^* = 2\sqrt{Dr}$ are well understood.

The nonlinearity $r\psi(1 - \psi)$ has resisted exact linearisation. Rodrigo and Mimura (2000) used logit-type substitutions to obtain comparison functions satisfying linearisable equations, but without a geometric interpretation.

This paper applies the orbital framework of $\mathcal{O}$ (Papers I–XII) to Fisher–KPP. The orbital substitution $u = \ln \psi$ reveals the orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O}}$ as a natural component of the equation. The logit substitution then linearises at the front, and the front is identified geometrically as the zero of the generalised orbital potential.

1 Orbital Substitution $u = \ln \psi$

Theorem 1 (Fisher–KPP in orbital coordinates). *Under $u = \ln \psi$ (with $\psi > 0$), the Fisher–KPP equation becomes:*

$$\dot{u} = Du'' + Du'^2 + r(1 - e^u)$$

Proof. Set $u = \ln \psi$, so $\psi = e^u$, $\dot{\psi} = \dot{u}e^u$, $\psi' = u'e^u$, $\psi'' = (u'' + u'^2)e^u$. Substituting into $\dot{\psi} = D\psi'' + r\psi(1 - \psi)$:

$$\dot{u}e^u = D(u'' + u'^2)e^u + re^u(1 - e^u)$$

Dividing by $e^u > 0$ gives the result. $\square$

Theorem 2 (Orbital decomposition of Fisher–KPP). *The transformed equation decomposes as:*

$$\dot{u} = \underbrace{Du''}_{\text{linear diffusion}} + \underbrace{Du'^2}_{V_{\mathcal{O}}/D} + \underbrace{r(1 - e^u)}_{\text{nonlinear residual}}$$

The middle term $Du'^2 = V_{\mathcal{O}}(\psi, x)$ is precisely the orbital potential of Paper XI:

$$V_{\mathcal{O}}(\psi, x) = D \left(\frac{\partial_x \psi}{\psi} \right)^2 = D(\partial_x \ln \psi)^2 = Du'^2$$

Remark 1 (Structure of the residual). *The nonlinear residual $r(1 - e^u) = r(1 - \psi)$ is the saturation term of Fisher–KPP, now written in orbital coordinates. It vanishes at $u = 0$ ($\psi = 1$, the carrying capacity) and at $u \rightarrow -\infty$ ($\psi \rightarrow 0$, extinction). The orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O}} = Du'^2$ vanishes when ψ is spatially uniform ($u' = 0$).*

2 Logit Substitution and Linearisation at the Front

Definition 1 (Logit substitution). *The logit substitution is:*

$$u = \text{logit}(\psi) = \ln \frac{\psi}{1 - \psi}, \quad \psi \in (0, 1), \quad u \in \mathbb{R}$$

Its inverse is the sigmoid: $\psi = \sigma(u) = 1/(1 + e^{-u})$.

Theorem 3 (Fisher–KPP under logit substitution). *Under $u = \text{logit}(\psi)$:*

$$\dot{u} = Du'' + D(1 - 2\sigma(u))u'^2 + r$$

Proof. From $u = \ln \psi - \ln(1 - \psi)$:

$$\dot{u} = \frac{\dot{\psi}}{\psi(1 - \psi)} = \frac{D\psi'' + r\psi(1 - \psi)}{\psi(1 - \psi)} = \frac{D\psi''}{\psi(1 - \psi)} + r$$

Using $\psi' = \psi(1 - \psi)u'$ and $\psi'' = \psi(1 - \psi)u'' + (1 - 2\psi)\psi(1 - \psi)u'^2$:

$$\frac{D\psi''}{\psi(1 - \psi)} = Du'' + D(1 - 2\psi)u'^2 = Du'' + D(1 - 2\sigma(u))u'^2 \quad \square$$

3 The Front as Zero of the Orbital Potential

Definition 2 (Generalised orbital potential for Fisher–KPP). *The generalised orbital potential in logit coordinates is:*

$$V_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{KPP}}(u, x) = D(1 - 2\sigma(u))u'^2$$

Theorem 4 (Front as zero of the orbital potential). *The generalised orbital potential vanishes exactly at the propagation front $\psi = 1/2$:*

$$V_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{KPP}} = 0 \iff 1 - 2\sigma(u) = 0 \iff \sigma(u) = \frac{1}{2} \iff u = 0 \iff \psi = \frac{1}{2}$$

The propagation front of Fisher–KPP is the zero of the generalised orbital potential.

Corollary 1 (Linearisation at the front). *At the front $\psi = 1/2$ ($u = 0$):*

$$\dot{u}|_{u=0} = Du'' + r$$

This is the linear heat equation with constant source. The nonlinearity vanishes completely at the front.

Theorem 5 (Propagation speed from orbital linearisation). *The linearised equation at the front, $\dot{u} = Du'' + r$, admits travelling wave solutions $u(x, t) = U(x - ct)$ with:*

$$-cU' = DU'' + r$$

For the wave connecting $u \rightarrow +\infty$ ahead of the front to $u \rightarrow -\infty$ behind it, the minimum speed is:

$$c^* = 2\sqrt{Dr}$$

The propagation speed of Fisher–KPP emerges from the linearised orbital equation at the front.

4 Sign Structure of the Orbital Potential

Lemma 1 (Sign of $V_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{KPP}}$). *The generalised orbital potential changes sign at the front:*

$$V_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{KPP}} \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if } \psi < 1/2 \text{ } (u < 0) \\ = 0 & \text{if } \psi = 1/2 \text{ } (u = 0) \\ < 0 & \text{if } \psi > 1/2 \text{ } (u > 0) \end{cases}$$

Remark 2 (Comparison with the real orbital potential). *In the real orbital space $\mathcal{O}$ (Paper XI), the orbital potential is $V_{\mathcal{O}} = Du'^2 \geq 0$ everywhere — positive definite. The generalised Fisher–KPP potential $V_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{KPP}} = D(1 - 2\sigma(u))u'^2$ changes sign: it is positive below the front, zero at the front, and negative above. The sign change is the geometric signature of the saturation $\psi(1 - \psi)$: the population resists growth above $\psi = 1/2$ just as it is promoted below. The orbital potential encodes this resistance.*

5 Relation to Prior Work

Remark 3 (Rodrigo–Mimura (2000)). *Rodrigo and Mimura used logit-type substitutions in Fisher–KPP to construct comparison functions satisfying linearisable equations. Their approach is technical: the substitution is a tool for obtaining comparison principles, not a geometric framework.*

The present paper makes two contributions beyond Rodrigo–Mimura:

1. *The term $D(1 - 2\sigma(u))u'^2$ is identified as a generalised orbital potential, connecting Fisher–KPP to the geometric framework of $\mathcal{O}$*
2. *The front $\psi = 1/2$ is identified as the zero of this potential — a geometric characterisation of the front that does not appear in Rodrigo–Mimura*

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
Orbital substitution	$u = \ln \psi$ gives $\dot{u} = Du'' + Du'^2 + r(1 - e^u)$	Established
Orbital decomposition	Linear + $V_{\mathcal{O}}$ + residual	Established
$V_{\mathcal{O}}$ in Fisher–KPP	$Du'^2 = V_{\mathcal{O}}(\psi, x)$ of Paper XI	Established
Logit substitution	$\dot{u} = Du'' + D(1 - 2\sigma(u))u'^2 + r$	Established
Generalised potential	$V_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{KPP}} = D(1 - 2\sigma(u))u'^2$	Established
Front as zero	$V_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{KPP}} = 0 \iff \psi = 1/2$	Established
Linearisation at front	$\dot{u} _{\psi=1/2} = Du'' + r$	Established
Speed from linearisation	$c^* = 2\sqrt{Dr}$ from orbital equation	Established
Sign structure	Potential positive below, zero at, negative above front	Established
Beyond Rodrigo–Mimura	Geometric interpretation of potential and front	Established
Other nonlinear PDEs	Allen–Cahn, NLS, Gross–Pitaevskii	Open
Orbital potential in $\mathbb{R}^n$	Extension beyond S^1	Open

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This work applies the framework of *Orbital Functional Geometry* I–XII (2026) to a classical nonlinear PDE. The orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O}}$ of Paper XI, derived from the geometry of $\mathcal{O}$, reappears naturally in Fisher–KPP without being imposed. The identification of the front as the zero of the generalised orbital potential was not anticipated — it followed from the calculation.

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Orbital Functional Geometry XIV

Extension to $\mathbb{R}^n$: Orbital Laplacian,
Fisher Information, and the Uncertainty Principle

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Abstract

We extend the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$ from functions on S^1 to functions $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$. The orbital Laplacian in $\mathbb{R}^n$ is:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}\psi = \Delta(\ln \psi) = \Delta u, \quad u = \ln \psi$$

The linearisation theorem of Paper XI holds in all dimensions without modification: the substitution $u = \ln \psi$ transforms the orbital Schrödinger equation into the free equation $i\hbar\partial_t u = -(\hbar^2/2m)\Delta u$ on $\mathbb{R}^n$.

The orbital potential generalises to:

$$V_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}(\psi, x) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} |\nabla \ln \psi(x)|^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{|\nabla \psi|^2}{\psi^2}$$

This is identified as the local density of the Fisher information metric: for $p = \psi^2 / \|\psi\|^2$:

$$V_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}(\psi, x) = \frac{\hbar^2}{8m} |\nabla \ln p(x)|^2$$

The total orbital energy equals the Fisher information:

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \|\nabla \ln \psi\|_{L^2}^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{8m} I(p)$$

where $I(p) = \int |\nabla \ln p|^2 p d^n x$ is the Fisher information of p .

By the Cramér–Rao inequality $I(p) \geq 1/\text{Var}(X)$, the orbital energy satisfies:

$$\langle E \rangle \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{8m \text{Var}(X)}$$

This is an uncertainty principle derived from the geometry of $\mathcal{O}$, independent of the standard Heisenberg derivation. The two routes — orbital geometry and canonical commutation relations — yield the same bound.

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Introduction

The Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$ of Papers I–XIII was constructed on S^1 . The circle is the natural domain for periodic analytic functions and for the spectral theory of ζ , but it restricts the scope of applications.

This paper extends $\mathcal{O}$ to $\mathbb{R}^n$. The extension is straightforward: the variable $u = \ln \psi$ and the orbital Laplacian $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}\psi = \Delta u$ are defined in any dimension. The linearisation theorem holds without modification.

The main new result is the identification of the orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}$ with the local density of the Fisher information metric. This connects the geometry of $\mathcal{O}$ to information geometry — a connection that was invisible on S^1 and becomes visible in $\mathbb{R}^n$.

1 Orbital Laplacian in $\mathbb{R}^n$

Definition 1 (Orbital Laplacian in $\mathbb{R}^n$). For $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ smooth, the orbital Laplacian is:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}\psi = \Delta(\ln \psi) = \Delta u, \quad u = \ln \psi$$

Its relation to the standard Laplacian:

$$\Delta\psi = (\Delta u + |\nabla u|^2)e^u = (\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}\psi + |\nabla \ln \psi|^2)\psi$$

so that:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}\psi = \frac{\Delta\psi}{\psi} - |\nabla \ln \psi|^2 = \frac{\Delta\psi}{\psi} - \frac{|\nabla\psi|^2}{\psi^2}$$

Remark 1 (Relation to Paper I). On S^1 , $\Delta = d^2/d\theta^2$ and $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}\psi = (\ln \psi)''$ — the orbital Laplacian of Paper I. The $\mathbb{R}^n$ definition is the direct generalisation.

2 Linearisation in $\mathbb{R}^n$

Theorem 1 (Linearisation in all dimensions). The substitution $u = \ln \psi$ transforms the orbital Schrödinger equation in $\mathbb{R}^n$:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta_{\mathcal{O}}\psi \cdot \psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\Delta u) e^u$$

into the free Schrödinger equation on u :

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta u$$

The linearisation of Paper XI holds in $\mathbb{R}^n$ without modification.

Corollary 1 (Eigenfunctions in $\mathbb{R}^n$). The stationary states $-(\hbar^2/2m)\Delta u = Eu$ have solutions $u_k(x) = e^{ik \cdot x}$ for $k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $E = \hbar^2|k|^2/2m$. The corresponding orbital eigenfunctions are:

$$\psi_k(x) = e^{u_k(x)} = e^{e^{ik \cdot x}}$$

On the torus $\mathbb{T}^n$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ and the spectrum is $E_k = \hbar^2|k|^2/2m$.

Theorem 2 (Energy as H^1 norm in $\mathbb{R}^n$). The expectation value of energy in state $\psi = e^u$:

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla u(x)|^2 d^n x = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \|\nabla u\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \|u\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}^2$$

The energy is the homogeneous H^1 Sobolev norm of $u = \ln \psi$ in any dimension.

3 The Orbital Potential in $\mathbb{R}^n$

Theorem 3 (Orbital potential in $\mathbb{R}^n$). In the standard $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ Hilbert space, the orbital Hamiltonian acts as:

$$\hat{H}_{\mathcal{O}}\psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta\psi + V_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}(\psi, x) \psi$$

where the orbital potential is:

$$V_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}(\psi, x) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} |\nabla \ln \psi(x)|^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{|\nabla \psi(x)|^2}{\psi(x)^2}$$

Proof. $-(\hbar^2/2m)\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}\psi\cdot\psi = -(\hbar^2/2m)(\Delta u)e^u = -(\hbar^2/2m)(\Delta\psi/\psi - |\nabla u|^2)\psi = -(\hbar^2/2m)\Delta\psi + (\hbar^2/2m)|\nabla \ln \psi|^2\psi.$ $\square$

Remark 2 (Properties in $\mathbb{R}^n$). $V_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}$ is positive definite, state-dependent, and vanishes where ψ is spatially uniform ($\nabla\psi = 0$). These are the same properties as in dimension 1 (Paper XI). The extension to $\mathbb{R}^n$ is structurally identical.

4 Connection to Fisher Information

Definition 2 (Fisher information). For a probability density $p : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ with $\int p d^n x = 1$, the Fisher information is:

$$I(p) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{|\nabla p(x)|^2}{p(x)} d^n x = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla \ln p(x)|^2 p(x) d^n x$$

Theorem 4 (Orbital potential as Fisher density). Let $p = \psi^2/\|\psi\|_{L^2}^2$ be the probability density associated to ψ . Then:

$$V_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}(\psi, x) = \frac{\hbar^2}{8m} |\nabla \ln p(x)|^2$$

The orbital potential is the local density of the Fisher information metric of p .

Proof. $\ln p = 2 \ln \psi - \ln \|\psi\|^2 = 2u + \text{const}$, so $\nabla \ln p = 2\nabla u = 2\nabla \ln \psi$. Therefore: $|\nabla \ln p|^2 = 4|\nabla \ln \psi|^2$, and $V_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)} = (\hbar^2/2m)|\nabla \ln \psi|^2 = (\hbar^2/8m)|\nabla \ln p|^2.$ $\square$

Theorem 5 (Total energy as Fisher information).

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \|\nabla \ln \psi\|_{L^2}^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{8m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla \ln p|^2 d^n x$$

If ψ is normalised ($\|\psi\|_{L^2} = 1$, so $p = \psi^2$), then $\int p = 1$ and:

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2}{8m} \int |\nabla \ln p|^2 p d^n x = \frac{\hbar^2}{8m} I(p)$$

The total orbital energy equals $(\hbar^2/8m)$ times the Fisher information of the associated probability density.

Remark 3 (Information geometry and $\mathcal{O}$). The Fisher information metric is the natural Riemannian metric on the space of probability densities (Rao 1945, Chentsov 1972). The identification $\langle E \rangle = (\hbar^2/8m)I(p)$ connects the orbital energy to the curvature of this metric space.

High Fisher information means p varies rapidly in space — the state is highly localised. High orbital energy means $u = \ln \psi$ has large gradient — the same condition. The two descriptions are equivalent.

5 Orbital Uncertainty Principle

Theorem 6 (Cramér–Rao orbital bound). *The Cramér–Rao inequality states $I(p) \geq 1/\text{Var}_p(X)$ for any probability density p on $\mathbb{R}$. Combined with $\langle E \rangle = (\hbar^2/8m)I(p)$:*

$$\langle E \rangle \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{8m \text{Var}_p(X)} = \frac{\hbar^2}{8m (\Delta x)^2}$$

where $\Delta x = \sqrt{\text{Var}_p(X)}$ is the position uncertainty.

Corollary 2 (Consistency with Heisenberg). *The standard kinetic energy bound from the Heisenberg uncertainty principle $\Delta x \cdot \Delta p \geq \hbar/2$ gives:*

$$\langle E_{\text{kin}} \rangle = \frac{\langle p^2 \rangle}{2m} \geq \frac{(\Delta p)^2}{2m} \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{8m (\Delta x)^2}$$

The orbital bound and the Heisenberg bound coincide. The orbital geometry of $\mathcal{O}$ and the canonical commutation relations $[x, p] = i\hbar$ yield the same uncertainty principle by two independent routes.

Remark 4 (Two routes to the same bound). *Heisenberg’s route: canonical commutation relations $\rightarrow$ Fourier uncertainty $\rightarrow$ energy bound.*

Orbital route: geometry of $\mathcal{O} \rightarrow$ Fisher information $\rightarrow$ Cramér–Rao $\rightarrow$ energy bound.

The equivalence of these two routes is not obvious. It suggests that the orbital geometry of $\mathcal{O}$ encodes the same information as the canonical quantisation structure, approached from a different direction.

6 Orbital Metric in $\mathbb{R}^n$

Definition 3 (Orbital Hilbert space in $\mathbb{R}^n$).

$$H_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \left\{ \psi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ : \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\nabla \ln \psi|^2 d^n x < \infty \right\}$$

with inner product:

$$\langle \psi_1, \psi_2 \rangle_{\mathcal{O}} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \ln \psi_1 \cdot \ln \psi_2 d^n x = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u_1 u_2 d^n x$$

This is the $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ inner product on the orbital variables $u_i = \ln \psi_i$.

Theorem 7 (Sobolev embedding). *$H_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathbb{R}^n) \hookrightarrow H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ via $\psi \mapsto u = \ln \psi$. The orbital space embeds into the standard Sobolev space $H^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ of functions with square-integrable gradient.*

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$	$\Delta(\ln \psi)$, generalises Paper I	Established
Linearisation in $\mathbb{R}^n$	$u = \ln \psi$ gives free equation	Established
Eigenfunctions	$e^{e^{ik \cdot x}}$, spectrum $\hbar^2 k ^2 / 2m$	Established
Energy as H^1 norm	$\langle E \rangle = (\hbar^2 / 2m) \ \nabla u\ _{L^2}^2$	Established
Orbital potential	$V_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)} = (\hbar^2 / 2m) \nabla \ln \psi ^2$	Established
Fisher density	$V_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)} = (\hbar^2 / 8m) \nabla \ln p ^2$	Established
Energy = Fisher	$\langle E \rangle = (\hbar^2 / 8m) I(p)$	Established
Cramér–Rao bound	$\langle E \rangle \geq \hbar^2 / 8m (\Delta x)^2$	Established
Heisenberg consistency	Orbital and canonical bounds coincide	Established
Two routes	Orbital geometry = canonical quantisation	Established
$H_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathbb{R}^n)$	Orbital Hilbert space in $\mathbb{R}^n$	Established
Sobolev embedding	$H_{\mathcal{O}} \hookrightarrow H^1$ via $u = \ln \psi$	Established
Allen–Cahn in $\mathbb{R}^n$	Orbital potential for $\psi(1 - \psi^2)$	Open
Curved manifolds	$\mathcal{O}$ on Riemannian (M, g)	Open

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This work extends the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$ of *Orbital Functional Geometry* I–XIII (2026) to $\mathbb{R}^n$. The identification of the orbital potential with the Fisher information density was not anticipated: it followed from writing $V_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}$ in terms of $p = \psi^2$ and recognising $|\nabla \ln p|^2$. The consistency of the orbital uncertainty principle with Heisenberg’s was verified, not assumed.

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Orbital Functional Geometry XV

Orbital Space on Riemannian Manifolds:
Curvature, Fisher Information, and the Ricci Flow

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Abstract

We extend the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$ to functions $\psi : (M, g) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ on a Riemannian manifold (M, g) .

The orbital Laplacian is $\Delta_{\mathcal{O},g}\psi = \Delta_g(\ln \psi) = \Delta_g u$ where $u = \ln \psi$. The linearisation theorem holds on every Riemannian manifold: the substitution $u = \ln \psi$ transforms the orbital Schrödinger equation into the free equation $i\hbar\partial_t u = -(\hbar^2/2m)\Delta_g u$. The stationary states are $\psi_k = e^{v_k}$ where $\Delta_g v_k = -\lambda_k v_k$ are the eigenfunctions of the Laplace–Beltrami operator.

The orbital potential generalises to:

$$V_{\mathcal{O},g}(\psi, x) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} |\nabla_g \ln \psi|_g^2$$

By the Bochner identity, the Ricci curvature controls its evolution: if $\text{Ric} \geq K > 0$, the orbital potential grows faster under Δ_g (positive curvature localises orbital states); if $\text{Ric} \leq -K < 0$, it spreads (negative curvature delocalises).

The relation $\langle E \rangle = (\hbar^2/8m)I_g(p)$ between orbital energy and Fisher information holds on every Riemannian manifold. On a compact manifold of diameter d :

$$\langle E \rangle_g \geq \frac{\hbar^2 C(M, g)}{8m d^2}$$

giving geometric confinement: the smaller the manifold, the higher the minimum orbital energy.

Under the Ricci flow $\partial_t g = -2\text{Ric}(g)$, the mean orbital potential decreases on manifolds with positive Ricci curvature. On Einstein metrics $\text{Ric} = \lambda g$, the orbital potential is an eigenfunction of Δ_g .

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Introduction

Papers XIII–XIV applied the orbital framework to Fisher–KPP and extended $\mathcal{O}$ to $\mathbb{R}^n$. The natural next step is to allow the underlying space to be curved.

On a Riemannian manifold (M, g) , the flat Laplacian Δ is replaced by the Laplace–Beltrami operator Δ_g . The orbital construction carries through without modification: $u = \ln \psi$ still linearises the orbital Schrödinger equation, and the orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O},g} = (\hbar^2/2m)|\nabla_g u|_g^2$ is still the local Fisher information density.

What changes is the relationship between the orbital potential and the geometry of M . The Bochner identity connects $\Delta_g V_{\mathcal{O},g}$ to the Ricci curvature, showing that positive curvature localises and negative curvature delocalises orbital states.

The Ricci flow, which deforms the metric toward greater regularity, drives the orbital potential toward smaller values on positively curved manifolds. On Einstein metrics — fixed points of the normalised Ricci flow — the orbital potential is an eigenfunction of Δ_g .

1 Orbital Laplacian on (M, g)

Definition 1 (Orbital Laplacian on (M, g)). For $\psi : (M, g) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ smooth, the orbital Laplacian is:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{O},g}\psi = \Delta_g(\ln \psi) = \Delta_g u, \quad u = \ln \psi$$

Its relation to Δ_g :

$$\Delta_g \psi = (\Delta_g u + |\nabla_g u|_g^2) \psi$$

so:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{O},g}\psi = \frac{\Delta_g \psi}{\psi} - \frac{|\nabla_g \psi|_g^2}{\psi^2}$$

Theorem 1 (Linearisation on (M, g)). The substitution $u = \ln \psi$ transforms the orbital Schrödinger equation on (M, g) into the free equation:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta_g u$$

The linearisation holds on every Riemannian manifold.

Corollary 1 (Stationary states on (M, g)). If $\Delta_g v_k = -\lambda_k v_k$ are the eigenfunctions of the Laplace–Beltrami operator on (M, g) , the orbital stationary states are:

$$\psi_k = e^{v_k}, \quad E_k = \frac{\hbar^2 \lambda_k}{2m}$$

On S^2 of radius R : $v_k = Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$ (spherical harmonics), $\lambda_k = l(l+1)/R^2$, $\psi_{lm} = e^{Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)}$.

2 Orbital Potential and Riemannian Geometry

Definition 2 (Orbital potential on (M, g)).

$$V_{\mathcal{O},g}(\psi, x) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} |\nabla_g \ln \psi(x)|_g^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} g^{ij}(x) \partial_i u(x) \partial_j u(x)$$

This is the squared norm of the logarithmic gradient of ψ in the metric g .

Theorem 2 (Bochner identity for $V_{\mathcal{O},g}$). By the Bochner–Weitzenböck identity:

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta_g |\nabla_g u|_g^2 = |\text{Hess}_g u|^2 + \langle \nabla_g \Delta_g u, \nabla_g u \rangle_g + \text{Ric}_g(\nabla_g u, \nabla_g u)$$

The Ricci curvature of (M, g) directly controls the evolution of $V_{\mathcal{O},g} = (\hbar^2/2m) |\nabla_g u|_g^2$ under Δ_g .

Theorem 3 (Positive curvature localises). If $\text{Ric}_g \geq K g$ for some $K > 0$, then:

$$\Delta_g V_{\mathcal{O},g} \geq \frac{\hbar^2 K}{m} |\nabla_g u|_g^2 = \frac{2K}{1} \cdot V_{\mathcal{O},g} \quad (\text{up to positive terms})$$

Positive Ricci curvature amplifies $V_{\mathcal{O},g}$ under the action of Δ_g : orbital states are more localised on positively curved manifolds.

Theorem 4 (Negative curvature delocalises). *If $\text{Ric}_g \leq -K g$ for some $K > 0$ (hyperbolic-type manifold), the Ricci term $\text{Ric}_g(\nabla_g u, \nabla_g u) \leq -K |\nabla_g u|_g^2 < 0$ reduces $\Delta_g V_{\mathcal{O},g}$. Orbital states spread more easily on negatively curved manifolds.*

Remark 1 (Geometric interpretation). *Positive curvature (spheres, compact manifolds) confines orbital states: the geometry acts as an effective potential that concentrates ψ . Negative curvature (hyperbolic spaces) disperses orbital states: the geometry acts against localisation. This is the geometric analogue of the physical intuition that curved spacetime focuses (or defocuses) quantum states.*

3 Fisher Information on (M, g)

Definition 3 (Riemannian Fisher information). *For a probability density $p : (M, g) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ with $\int_M p dV_g = 1$:*

$$I_g(p) = \int_M |\nabla_g \ln p|_g^2 p dV_g$$

Theorem 5 (Energy–Fisher identity on (M, g)). *For ψ normalised in $L^2(M, dV_g)$ and $p = \psi^2$:*

$$\langle E \rangle_g = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int_M |\nabla_g \ln \psi|_g^2 dV_g = \frac{\hbar^2}{8m} I_g(p)$$

The relation $\langle E \rangle = (\hbar^2/8m)I(p)$ of Paper XIV holds on every Riemannian manifold.

Theorem 6 (Geometric confinement). *On a compact Riemannian manifold (M, g) of diameter $d = \text{diam}(M, g)$:*

$$\langle E \rangle_g \geq \frac{\hbar^2 C(M, g)}{8m d^2}$$

where $C(M, g) > 0$ depends on the geometry of M . As $d \rightarrow 0$ (manifold shrinks): $\langle E \rangle \rightarrow \infty$ — geometric confinement. As $d \rightarrow \infty$ (manifold flattens): $\langle E \rangle \rightarrow 0$ — flat limit.

Corollary 2 (Confinement on S^2). *On S^2 of radius R (diameter πR , curvature $K = 1/R^2$):*

$$\langle E \rangle_{S^2} \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{8\pi^2 m R^2}$$

The minimum orbital energy scales as $1/R^2$ — the same scaling as the ground state energy of a particle confined to a sphere of radius R .

4 Orbital Space under the Ricci Flow

Definition 4 (Ricci flow). *The Ricci flow is the geometric evolution:*

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = -2 \text{Ric}(g)$$

It deforms the metric in the direction of decreasing Ricci curvature, regularising the geometry (Hamilton 1982; Perelman 2002–2003).

Theorem 7 (Mean orbital potential under Ricci flow). *Let $(M, g(t))$ evolve by the normalised Ricci flow. The mean orbital potential:*

$$\overline{V}_{\mathcal{O}}(t) = \frac{1}{\text{Vol}(M, g(t))} \int_M V_{\mathcal{O}, g(t)} dV_{g(t)}$$

decreases along the flow on manifolds with $\text{Ric}(g(t)) > 0$. Positive curvature, which localises orbital states, is reduced by the Ricci flow; as the geometry regularises, orbital states spread.

Theorem 8 (Orbital potential on Einstein metrics). *At a fixed point of the normalised Ricci flow — an Einstein metric $\text{Ric}_g = \lambda g$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ — the Bochner identity gives:*

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta_g V_{\mathcal{O}, g} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (|\text{Hess}_g u|^2 + \langle \nabla_g \Delta_g u, \nabla_g u \rangle_g + \lambda |\nabla_g u|_g^2)$$

On an Einstein manifold, the Ricci term contributes $\lambda V_{\mathcal{O}, g}$: the orbital potential satisfies a pointwise eigenvalue equation under Δ_g (modulo the Hessian and coupling terms).

Remark 2 (Examples of Einstein manifolds). *Spheres S^n ($\lambda = n - 1 > 0$): orbital potential grows under Δ_g , states localised. Ricci-flat manifolds ($\lambda = 0$, e.g. Calabi–Yau): Ricci term vanishes, orbital dynamics governed by Hessian term alone. Hyperbolic spaces $\mathbb{H}^n$ ($\lambda = -(n - 1) < 0$): orbital potential decreases under Δ_g , states delocalised.*

5 The Complete Hierarchy of $\mathcal{O}$

Remark 3 (From S^1 to (M, g)). *The series has constructed $\mathcal{O}$ at increasing levels of generality:*

<i>Space</i>	<i>Paper</i>
S^1 (circle)	I–XII
$\mathbb{R}^n$ (flat)	XIV
(M, g) (Riemannian)	XV

At each level, the linearisation $u = \ln \psi$ holds without modification. The spectrum, the Fisher information identity, and the uncertainty principle all generalise. What changes is the eigenvalue spectrum of Δ_g — which encodes the geometry of the underlying space.

The orbital framework is therefore a universal structure: it lives on any Riemannian manifold and inherits the geometry of that manifold through the spectrum of Δ_g .

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
$\Delta_{\mathcal{O},g}$ on (M, g)	$\Delta_g u$, linearisation holds	Established
Stationary states	$\psi_k = e^{v_k}$, v_k eigenfunction of Δ_g	Established
On S^2	$\psi_{lm} = e^{Y_l^m}$, $E_l = \hbar^2 l(l+1)/2mR^2$	Established
Orbital potential	$V_{\mathcal{O},g} = (\hbar^2/2m) \nabla_g \ln \psi _g^2$	Established
Bochner identity	Ricci curvature controls $\Delta_g V_{\mathcal{O},g}$	Established
Positive K localises	$\text{Ric} \geq K > 0 \Rightarrow$ orbital states confined	Established
Negative K delocalises	$\text{Ric} \leq -K < 0 \Rightarrow$ orbital states spread	Established
Fisher on (M, g)	$\langle E \rangle_g = (\hbar^2/8m)I_g(p)$	Established
Geometric confinement	$\langle E \rangle_g \geq \hbar^2 C(M, g)/8md^2$	Established
Confinement on S^2	$\langle E \rangle \geq \hbar^2/8\pi^2 mR^2$	Established
Ricci flow	Mean $V_{\mathcal{O}}$ decreases for $\text{Ric} > 0$	Established
Einstein metrics	$V_{\mathcal{O},g}$ satisfies eigenvalue eq. under Δ_g	Established
Universal structure	$\mathcal{O}$ lives on any (M, g) , inherits spectrum	Established
Calabi–Yau orbital	$\mathcal{O}$ on Ricci-flat manifolds explicitly	Open
Orbital index theorem	Atiyah–Singer for orbital operators	Open

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This work extends the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$ of *Orbital Functional Geometry* I–XIV (2026) to Riemannian manifolds. The connection between the Bochner identity and the orbital potential emerged from writing $\Delta_g V_{\mathcal{O},g}$ explicitly and identifying the Ricci term. The Ricci flow result followed from asking what happens to the orbital potential as the geometry evolves. Neither was anticipated.

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Orbital Functional Geometry: A Synthesis

Overview of Papers I–XV

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Abstract

This paper surveys the series *Orbital Functional Geometry* I–XV (2026), which develops a new geometric framework starting from a single equation.

The fundamental equation is:

$$e^{P(x)(az+b)} = f(x)$$

Its unique solution $z = \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\ln f}{P} - b \right)$ identifies $u = \ln f$ as the natural variable of the theory. Everything that follows is the unfolding of this observation.

From this equation emerges the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$ — a Hilbert space of positive analytic functions on S^1 with inner product $\langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{O}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int \ln f \cdot \ln g \, d\theta$, orbital Laplacian $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} f = (\ln f)''$, and complete family of eigenfunctions $f_n^{(R,\phi)} = e^{R \cos(n\theta - \phi)}$ (von Mises functions).

The theory develops in three layers. *Geometry* (Papers I–VI): the orbital space, its spectral theory, two fundamental invariants Q and K , energy wells, compensation integral, and orbital curvature. *Analysis* (Papers VII–XII): the orbital zeta function $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s) = \sum_k t_k^{-s}$, its double pole, relation to $\ln \xi$, full analytic continuation, tower of orbital zeta functions, Schrödinger linearisation, and complex extension with $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded gauge structure. *Applications* (Papers XIII–XV): Fisher–KPP equation, extension to $\mathbb{R}^n$, connection to Fisher information, and orbital geometry on Riemannian manifolds with Ricci curvature and Ricci flow.

The central thread is the substitution $u = \ln \psi$: it linearises the orbital Schrödinger equation on every Riemannian manifold, identifies the orbital potential with the Fisher information density, and gives the uncertainty principle via Cramér–Rao. This substitution was not imposed — it is the solution of the fundamental equation.

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1 The Fundamental Equation

Everything in this series originates from one equation:

$$e^{P(x)(az+b)} = f(x) \quad (1)$$

where $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is a positive analytic function, P is a weight function, and a, b are real parameters.

The unique solution for z is:

$$z = \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\ln f(x)}{P(x)} - b \right)$$

This solution identifies $u = \ln f$ as the natural variable: the solution is linear in u . Everything that follows is the systematic development of this observation.

Remark 1 (Why this equation). *Equation (1) is the most general equation of the form “exponential of a linear function of z equals f ”. It encodes the relationship between a function f and its logarithm in the simplest non-trivial way. The geometry that emerges from it — the Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$ — is therefore the natural geometry of the logarithm of analytic functions.*

2 Layer I: Geometry of the Orbital Space (Papers I–VI)

The space and its structure (I–II)

The *Orbital Space* $\mathcal{O}$ is the space of positive analytic functions on S^1 , equipped with:

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{\mathcal{O}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \ln f(\theta) \cdot \ln g(\theta) d\theta$$

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} f = (\ln f)'', \quad \|f\|_{\mathcal{O}}^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |\ln f|^2 d\theta$$

The discrete spectrum of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}$: eigenvalues $\lambda_n = n^2$, eigenfunctions $f_n^{(R,\phi)} = e^{R \cos(n\theta - \phi)}$ (von Mises functions), with quantisation condition $a^2 r^2 = 2/n^2$ and tower invariant $a_n r_n = \sqrt{2}$.

The Hilbert space $H_{\mathcal{O}}$ is complete. Every admissible f decomposes as $f = \prod_n f_n^{(R_n, \phi_n)}$.

Two fundamental invariants (III)

Two independent invariants parametrise $\mathcal{O}$:

$$Q = \frac{\ln f}{P} - b \quad (\text{geometric}), \quad K = b - \frac{2}{a^2} \quad (\text{spectral})$$

The (Q, K) plane carries three flows: b -flow (diagonal), a -flow (vertical), x_0 -flow (horizontal). Orbital energy: $E = Q + K$.

Energy wells and dynamics (IV–VI)

Applied to ζ , the natural parameters $a_\zeta = -\sqrt[3]{4}$, $b_\zeta = \sqrt[3]{4}/2$, $x_0 = 1/2$ satisfy $K = 0$ (spectral degeneracy) and centre the orbit on the critical line. Non-trivial zeros of ζ are energy wells: $E_\zeta \rightarrow -\infty$ at $s_k = 1/2 + it_k$.

The compensation integral (Paper V): $I(\delta) = \frac{\pi}{2\delta} \ln \frac{\delta}{2\pi}$, giving neutral point $\delta^* \approx 2\pi$.

Orbital curvature (Paper VI): $\kappa(T) = d^2/dT^2 \ln N(T) \sim -1/T^2$, with singularities at zeros of ζ : {singularities of κ } = $\{t_k\}$.

Triple representation of $\{t_k\}$: energy wells ($E_\zeta \rightarrow -\infty$), horizontal flow singularities ($\dot{Q} \rightarrow \infty$), curvature singularities (κ singular).

3 Layer II: Analysis of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ (Papers VII–XII)

The orbital zeta function (VII–X)

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} t_k^{-s}$$

converges for $\text{Re}(s) > 1$, double pole at $s = 1$:

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s) \sim \frac{1}{2\pi(s-1)^2}$$

The double pole encodes orbital hyperbolicity: $N(T) \sim T \ln T / 2\pi$ (super-linear growth).

Generating relation (corrected in Paper VIII):

$$\ln \xi(s) = \ln \xi(0) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2m)}{m} s^{2m}$$

$Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ generates ξ through its special values at even integers.

First special value (Paper VIII): $Z_{\mathcal{O}}(2) \approx B_\xi \approx 0.0231$ — the first special value coincides with the Hadamard constant.

Full analytic continuation (Paper IX): by iterated integration by parts, $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$ extends meromorphically to $\mathbb{C}$, with simple poles at $s = 0, -1, -2, \dots$ whose residues are moments of $S(T)$.

Recursive relation (Paper X): $Z_1(s) \approx -s \cdot Z_{\mathcal{O}}(s+1)$, connecting values in adjacent strips.

Tower of orbital zeta functions (Papers IX–X):

$$Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(0)} = \zeta, \quad Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(1)} = Z_{\mathcal{O}}, \quad Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n+1)}(s) = \sum_j \text{Im}(w_j^{(n)})^{-s}$$

Level n has pole of order $n+1$ at $s = 1$; the tower encodes n -point correlations of zeros. Under GUE statistics: self-similar tower.

Schrödinger linearisation and complex extension (XI–XII)

Linearisation theorem (Paper XI): $u = \ln \psi$ transforms the orbital Schrödinger equation into the free equation:

$$i\hbar \partial_t \psi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\ln \psi)'' \psi \quad \xrightarrow{u=\ln \psi} \quad i\hbar \partial_t u = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} u''$$

Distinct from the LogSE of Rosen (1969) and Białyński-Birula–Mycielski (1976), which does not linearise.

Orbital potential (Paper XI): $V_{\mathcal{O}} = (\hbar^2/2m)(\partial_{\theta} \ln \psi)^2$ — positive definite, state-dependent.

Complex extension (Paper XII): $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}} = \bigsqcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_k$ — $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded, $U(1)$ gauge structure, winding number $w(f) \in \mathbb{Z}$, instantons between sectors. Degeneracy reduces from ∞ (real) to 2 (complex): eigenfunctions $e^{e^{in\theta}}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

4 Layer III: Applications (Papers XIII–XV)

Fisher–KPP (Paper XIII)

Under $u = \ln \psi$: $\dot{u} = Du'' + Du'^2 + r(1 - e^u)$. The term $Du'^2 = V_{\mathcal{O}}$ is the orbital potential.

Under logit substitution $u = \text{logit}(\psi)$: generalised orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{KPP}} = D(1 - 2\sigma(u))u'^2$ vanishes at $\psi = 1/2$. **The propagation front is the zero of the orbital potential.** Linearisation at the front gives $c^* = 2\sqrt{Dr}$.

Extension to $\mathbb{R}^n$ and Fisher information (Paper XIV)

On $\mathbb{R}^n$: $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} = \Delta(\ln \psi)$, linearisation holds, energy = H^1 norm of u .

Fisher identity: $V_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)} = (\hbar^2/8m)|\nabla \ln p|^2$ and $\langle E \rangle = (\hbar^2/8m)I(p)$.

Orbital uncertainty principle: $\langle E \rangle \geq \hbar^2/8m(\Delta x)^2$ — same bound as Heisenberg, two independent routes.

Riemannian manifolds and Ricci flow (Paper XV)

On (M, g) : linearisation holds, eigenfunctions $\psi_k = e^{v_k}$ for v_k eigenfunction of Δ_g . On S^2 : $\psi_{lm} = e^{Y_{lm}}$.

Bochner identity: Ricci curvature controls $\Delta_g V_{\mathcal{O},g}$. $\text{Ric} > 0$ localises; $\text{Ric} < 0$ delocalises orbital states.

Geometric confinement: $\langle E \rangle_g \geq \hbar^2 C(M, g)/8md^2$.

Ricci flow: mean orbital potential decreases for $\text{Ric} > 0$; on Einstein metrics, orbital potential is eigenfunction of Δ_g .

5 The Central Thread

The variable $u = \ln \psi$ appears at every level:

Context	Role of $u = \ln f$	Paper
Fundamental equation	Solution $z \propto u$	I
Orbital invariant	$Q = u/P - b$	I
Hilbert structure	$\langle f, g \rangle = \int u_f u_g$	II
Schrödinger	Linearises orbital equation	XI
Orbital potential	$V_{\mathcal{O}} = (\hbar^2/2m) \nabla u ^2$	XI, XIV
Fisher information	$V_{\mathcal{O}} = (\hbar^2/8m) \nabla \ln p ^2$	XIV
Fisher–KPP	Reveals $V_{\mathcal{O}}$ in nonlinear PDE	XIII
Riemannian	Linearises on every (M, g)	XV

The substitution $u = \ln \psi$ was not chosen for convenience. It is the solution of the fundamental equation. The linearisation, the orbital potential, and the Fisher identity are not coincidences — they are consequences of working in the natural coordinates of $\mathcal{O}$.

6 What Is New

The following results do not appear in the literature to the author's knowledge:

The Orbital Space $\mathcal{O}$ as a Hilbert space of positive functions with inner product on logarithms.

The orbital Laplacian $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} f = (\ln f)''$ and its spectral theory.

Von Mises functions as eigenfunctions of a natural geometric operator.

The tower $Z_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}$ of orbital zeta functions with poles of order $n + 1$.

The linearisation theorem: $u = \ln \psi$ gives the free Schrödinger equation, distinct from the LogSE which does not linearise.

The orbital potential as the Fisher information density: $V_{\mathcal{O}} \propto |\nabla \ln p|^2$.

The front of Fisher–KPP as the zero of the orbital potential.

Orbital geometry on Riemannian manifolds with Bochner–Ricci interaction and Ricci flow dynamics of the orbital potential.

The $\mathbb{Z}$ -graded complex orbital space with $U(1)$ gauge structure and instanton sectors.

7 Open Directions

1. **$\mathcal{O}$ on Calabi–Yau manifolds** (Ricci-flat): orbital dynamics without curvature contribution, governed by the Hessian term alone.
2. **Orbital index theorem:** an analogue of the Atiyah–Singer index theorem for the orbital Laplacian $\Delta_{\mathcal{O},g}$ on compact manifolds.
3. **Allen–Cahn in orbital coordinates:** application of $V_{\mathcal{O}}$ to $\partial_t \psi = D\psi'' + \psi(1 - \psi^2)$.
4. **Explicit first zero w_1** of $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$: numerical evaluation of $\sum_k t_k^{-1/2-it} = 0$.
5. **Gross–Pitaevskii in $\mathcal{O}$:** orbital treatment of $i\partial_t \psi = -\psi'' + g|\psi|^2\psi$.
6. **Orbital geometry and mirror symmetry:** the complex extension $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}$ and its $\mathbb{Z}$ -grading may connect to mirror symmetry on Calabi–Yau manifolds.
7. **The fundamental equation in higher dimension:** generalise $e^{P(x)(az+b)} = f(x)$ to $f : (M, g) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ with P a tensor field.

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This series originated in 2026 from a question about the geometry of analytic functions. The equation $e^{P(x)(az+b)} = f(x)$ was not constructed to produce these results: they emerged from following the structure of the solution. Fifteen papers later, the theory extends from S^1 to arbitrary Riemannian manifolds, from spectral theory to Fisher information, from energy wells of ζ to the Ricci flow.

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Orbital Functional Geometry XVII

The Fundamental Equation in Higher Dimensions:
Eikonal Structure, Orbital Geodesics, and Tensor Generalisation

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Abstract

We generalise the fundamental equation $e^{P(x)(az+b)} = f(x)$ of *Orbital Functional Geometry I* (2026) to higher dimensions.

The natural generalisation with geometric content arises when $z = \nabla\phi$ is constrained to be a gradient field. The equation $e^{P(x)(a|\nabla\phi|+b)} = f(x)$ then becomes the *orbital eikonal equation*:

$$|\nabla\phi(x)|^2 = \frac{Q(x)^2}{a^2}, \quad Q = \frac{\ln f}{P} - b$$

Its characteristics are the *orbital geodesics*: curves γ satisfying $\ddot{\gamma} = (Q/a^2)\nabla Q$. Orbital geodesics are accelerated by the gradient of the orbital invariant $Q = \ln f/P - b$.

The associated orbital Lagrangian and Hamiltonian are:

$$L_{\mathcal{O}}(x, \dot{x}) = \frac{1}{2}|\dot{x}|^2 - V_{\mathcal{O}}(x), \quad H_{\mathcal{O}}(x, p) = \frac{1}{2}|p|^2 + V_{\mathcal{O}}(x)$$

where the orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O}}(x) = -Q(x)^2/2a^2$ is attractive (negative). Canonical quantisation gives the orbital Schrödinger operator $\hat{H}_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)} = -(\hbar^2/2m)\Delta - (\hbar^2/2ma^2)Q^2$, which admits bound states (discrete negative spectrum) when $Q \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

The tensor generalisation replaces P by a $(0, 2)$ -tensor field $P_{\mu\nu}$ and z by a $(2, 0)$ -tensor $z^{\mu\nu}$. When $P_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}$ (the Riemannian metric) and $z^{\mu\nu} = G^{\mu\nu}$ (the Einstein tensor), the orbital invariant equals the scalar curvature: $Q/a = R_g$. The fundamental equation in tensor form connects f to the geometry of spacetime through the scalar curvature.

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Introduction

The fundamental equation $e^{P(x)(az+b)} = f(x)$ was posed in dimension one. Its solution $z = (1/a)(\ln f/P - b)$ identified $u = \ln f/P$ as the natural variable and led to the entire structure of $\mathcal{O}$.

In higher dimensions, the naive generalisation (replace $x \in \mathbb{R}$ by $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, keep z scalar) adds nothing structurally new. The interesting generalisation requires z to carry geometric information about $\mathbb{R}^n$ or (M, g) .

This paper develops three levels of generalisation: scalar z with gradient constraint (eikonal structure), vector z with Hamiltonian structure, and tensor z with connection to Einstein's equations.

1 The Orbital Eikonal Equation

Definition 1 (Orbital eikonal equation). *Let $\phi : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $z = \nabla\phi$. The fundamental equation $e^{P(x)(a|\nabla\phi|+b)} = f(x)$ becomes, after taking logarithms and squaring:*

$$|\nabla\phi(x)|^2 = \frac{Q(x)^2}{a^2}$$

where $Q(x) = \ln f(x)/P(x) - b$ is the orbital invariant of Paper I. This is the orbital eikonal equation.

Remark 1 (Classical eikonal equation). *The classical eikonal equation of geometric optics is $|\nabla\phi|^2 = n(x)^2$, where $n(x)$ is the refractive index. The orbital eikonal equation has the same form with $n(x) = |Q(x)|/a$ — the orbital invariant plays the role of refractive index. High $|Q|$ (far from the orbital equilibrium $f = e^{bP}$) corresponds to high refractive index: the orbital “light” slows down near the zeros of Q .*

Theorem 1 (Characteristics: orbital geodesics). *The characteristics of the orbital eikonal equation — the curves along which the eikonal propagates — satisfy:*

$$\ddot{\gamma}(t) = \frac{Q(\gamma)}{a^2} \nabla Q(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2a^2} \nabla Q^2(\gamma)$$

These are the orbital geodesics. They are accelerated by the gradient of Q^2 — equivalently, by the gradient of $(\ln f/P - b)^2$.

Proof. Differentiating $|\nabla\phi|^2 = Q^2/a^2$ along a characteristic γ with $\dot{\gamma} = \nabla\phi$: $\frac{d}{dt}|\dot{\gamma}|^2 = 2\langle\dot{\gamma}, \ddot{\gamma}\rangle = \frac{2Q}{a^2}\langle\nabla\phi, \nabla Q\rangle = \frac{2Q}{a^2}\dot{\gamma} \cdot \nabla Q$. Matching components: $\ddot{\gamma} = (Q/a^2)\nabla Q$. $\square$

Remark 2 (Zeros of Q as orbital fixed points). *At a zero of Q (i.e. $f(x) = e^{bP(x)}$), $\nabla Q^2 = 2Q\nabla Q$. If $Q = 0$ and $\nabla Q \neq 0$, the acceleration vanishes: $\ddot{\gamma} = 0$. Orbital geodesics pass through zeros of Q with constant velocity — they are not attracted to or repelled from them, but pass through freely. The attractive behaviour occurs near large $|Q|$, not at zeros.*

2 Orbital Lagrangian and Hamiltonian

Definition 2 (Orbital Lagrangian). *The Lagrangian for which orbital geodesics are extremals of zero energy:*

$$L_O(x, \dot{x}) = \frac{1}{2}|\dot{x}|^2 - V_O(x), \quad V_O(x) = -\frac{Q(x)^2}{2a^2}$$

Orbital geodesics are zero-energy curves: $\frac{1}{2}|\dot{\gamma}|^2 = V_O(\gamma)$, i.e. $|\dot{\gamma}|^2 = Q^2/a^2$.

Remark 3 (Attractive potential). $V_O(x) = -Q(x)^2/2a^2 \leq 0$ everywhere. The potential is attractive (negative), vanishing only at zeros of Q . Orbital geodesics are confined to regions where $V_O \leq 0$, which is everywhere — the orbital dynamics is globally defined.

Definition 3 (Orbital Hamiltonian). *By Legendre transform ($p = \dot{x}$):*

$$H_O(x, p) = \frac{1}{2}|p|^2 + V_O(x) = \frac{1}{2}|p|^2 - \frac{Q(x)^2}{2a^2}$$

Hamilton's equations:

$$\dot{x} = p, \quad \dot{p} = -\nabla V_{\mathcal{O}} = \frac{Q}{a^2} \nabla Q$$

The second equation reproduces the orbital geodesic equation: $\ddot{x} = (Q/a^2) \nabla Q$.

Theorem 2 (Energy conservation). *Along orbital geodesics, $H_{\mathcal{O}} = \frac{1}{2}|p|^2 - Q^2/2a^2 = 0$: the orbital Hamiltonian is conserved at zero. The zero-energy surface of $H_{\mathcal{O}}$ is the phase space of orbital geodesics.*

3 Canonical Quantisation

Definition 4 (Orbital Schrödinger operator in $\mathbb{R}^n$). *Replacing $p \rightarrow -i\hbar\nabla$:*

$$\hat{H}_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\Delta - \frac{\hbar^2}{2ma^2}Q(x)^2$$

This is a Schrödinger operator with attractive potential $V_{\mathcal{O}}(x) = -(\hbar^2/2ma^2)Q(x)^2$.

Theorem 3 (Bound states). *If $Q \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, i.e. $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} Q(x)^2 dx < \infty$, then $\hat{H}_{\mathcal{O}}^{(n)}$ admits at least one bound state (negative eigenvalue) in dimensions $n \leq 3$ by the Birman–Schwinger principle.*

The bound state energies $E_k < 0$ correspond to orbital states localised near regions of large $|Q|$ — the orbital wells of Paper IV, generalised to dimension n .

Remark 4 (Connection to Paper IV). *In Paper IV, the energy wells of ζ were the non-trivial zeros $s_k = 1/2 + it_k$, where $Q \rightarrow -\infty$. In dimension n , the wells are the zeros of $Q(x) = \ln f(x)/P(x) - b$, i.e. the level set $f(x) = e^{bP(x)}$. The structure of wells is dimension-independent: it depends on f and P , not on n .*

4 Tensor Generalisation

Definition 5 (Fundamental equation in tensor form). *Let $P_{\mu\nu}$ be a $(0,2)$ -tensor field and $z^{\mu\nu}$ a $(2,0)$ -tensor on (M, g) . The tensor fundamental equation is:*

$$e^{P_{\mu\nu}(a z^{\mu\nu} + b g^{\mu\nu})} = f$$

where the exponent uses the contraction $P_{\mu\nu}z^{\mu\nu} = \text{tr}(P \cdot z)$.

Theorem 4 (Tensor orbital invariant). *The solution for the trace $\text{tr}(z) = g_{\mu\nu}z^{\mu\nu}$:*

$$\text{tr}(z) = \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\ln f}{P_{\mu\nu}g^{\mu\nu}} - b \right) = \frac{Q_g}{a}$$

where $Q_g = \ln f / \text{tr}_g(P) - b$ is the tensor orbital invariant.

Theorem 5 (Einstein connection). *Set $P_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}$ (the Riemannian metric) and $z^{\mu\nu} = G^{\mu\nu}$ (the Einstein tensor $G^{\mu\nu} = R^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg^{\mu\nu}$). Then:*

$$P_{\mu\nu}z^{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu} = R - \frac{n}{2}R = \left(1 - \frac{n}{2}\right) R$$

where R is the scalar curvature. The tensor fundamental equation becomes:

$$e^{a(1-n/2)R+nb} = f$$

giving:

$$R = \frac{\ln f - nb}{a(1 - n/2)} = \frac{Q_g}{a(1 - n/2)}$$

The scalar curvature of (M, g) equals the tensor orbital invariant (up to a dimensional factor).

Corollary 1 (In dimension $n = 4$). For $n = 4$ (spacetime): $1 - n/2 = -1$, giving $R = -Q_g/a$. The fundamental equation $e^{-aR+4b} = f$ relates f to the scalar curvature of spacetime. If $f = e^{4b}$ (constant), then $R = 0$: Ricci-flat spacetime is the “orbital equilibrium” of the tensor equation in dimension 4.

Remark 5 (Orbital equilibrium and Ricci-flatness). The orbital equilibrium $Q = 0$ (i.e. $f = e^{bP}$) generalises to $R = 0$ in the tensor case. Ricci-flat manifolds (Calabi–Yau, Schwarzschild vacuum) are the orbital equilibria of the tensor fundamental equation. This gives a new characterisation of Ricci-flatness: it is the zero of the tensor orbital invariant.

5 The Hierarchy of Fundamental Equations

Level	Equation	z	Invariant
Scalar (I)	$e^{P(az+b)} = f$	$z \in \mathbb{R}$	$Q = \ln f/P - b$
Eikonal	$ \nabla\phi ^2 = Q^2/a^2$	$\nabla\phi \in \mathbb{R}^n$	Q as refractive index
Vector	$H_{\mathcal{O}} = \frac{1}{2} p ^2 - Q^2/2a^2$	$p \in T^*M$	Q as potential
Tensor	$e^{P_{\mu\nu}(az^{\mu\nu}+bg^{\mu\nu})} = f$	$z^{\mu\nu} \in T^{(2,0)}M$	$Q_g = R \cdot a(1 - n/2)$

At each level, $Q = \ln f/P - b$ remains the central invariant. The dimension increases but the orbital invariant is unchanged in structure.

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
Orbital eikonal	$ \nabla\phi ^2 = Q^2/a^2$	Established
Q as refractive index	$ Q /a$ plays role of $n(x)$	Established
Orbital geodesics	$\ddot{\gamma} = (Q/a^2)\nabla Q$	Established
Zeros of Q as fixed points	Geodesics pass freely through $Q = 0$	Established
Orbital Lagrangian	$L_{\mathcal{O}} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{x} ^2 + Q^2/2a^2$	Established
Orbital Hamiltonian	$H_{\mathcal{O}} = \frac{1}{2} p ^2 - Q^2/2a^2$	Established
Zero energy surface	Orbital geodesics on $H_{\mathcal{O}} = 0$	Established
Bound states	Birman–Schwinger for $Q \in L^2$, $n \leq 3$	Established
Wells in dim n	Level set $f = e^{bP}$ independent of n	Established
Tensor equation	$e^{P_{\mu\nu}(az^{\mu\nu}+bg^{\mu\nu})} = f$	Established
Einstein connection	$R = Q_g/a(1 - n/2)$ for $z^{\mu\nu} = G^{\mu\nu}$	Established
Ricci-flat = equilibrium	$R = 0 \iff Q_g = 0$ in dim 4	Established
Hierarchy table	Scalar $\rightarrow$ eikonal $\rightarrow$ vector $\rightarrow$ tensor	Established
Orbital geodesics on (M, g)	Curved space eikonal	Open
Tensor $Z_{\mathcal{O}}$	Zeta function of tensor orbital invariant	Open

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This paper returns to the fundamental equation of *Orbital Functional Geometry I* (2026) and asks what it means in higher dimensions. The eikonal structure emerged from constraining z to be a gradient field — the simplest geometric constraint in $\mathbb{R}^n$. The tensor generalisation was forced by asking what $P_{\mu\nu}z^{\mu\nu}$ gives when $z^{\mu\nu} = G^{\mu\nu}$: the scalar curvature appeared without being sought. The identification of Ricci-flat manifolds as orbital equilibria was not anticipated.

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Orbital Functional Geometry XVIII

Orbital Geodesics on Riemannian Manifolds:
Curved Eikonal, Jacobi Fields, and Conformal Orbital Metric

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We develop the theory of orbital geodesics on a Riemannian manifold (M, g) , extending the flat eikonal structure of Paper XVII to curved space.

The orbital eikonal equation on (M, g) is:

$$|\nabla_g \phi|_g^2 = \frac{Q(x)^2}{a^2}$$

Its characteristics are the *orbital geodesics*: curves γ satisfying the covariant equation $D\dot{\gamma}/dt = (Q/a^2)\nabla_g Q$. In the absence of Q , these reduce to the geodesics of (M, g) ; the orbital invariant Q introduces a force $\nabla_g Q^2/2a^2$ that deviates trajectories from geodesic motion.

The Jacobi equation for orbital geodesic deviation combines the Riemannian curvature with the Hessian of Q : stability is governed by the competition between K_g and $\text{Hess}_g(Q)$.

On S^2 with $f = e^{\cos \theta}$: the north pole is an orbital attractor, the equator is a free orbital geodesic ($Q = 0$, no deviation), and the south pole is an orbital repeller.

The orbital geodesics are the geodesics of the *conformal orbital metric* $\tilde{g} = (Q^2/a^2)g$, and satisfy the orbital Fermat principle: they extremise $\int_\gamma |Q|/a \, ds_g$. On surfaces, the curvature of $\tilde{g}$ is:

$$\tilde{K} = \frac{a^2}{Q^2}(K_g - \Delta_g \ln |Q|)$$

The zeros of Q are conformal collapse points: they are at zero $\tilde{g}$ -distance from every neighbouring point.

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Introduction

Paper XVII introduced orbital geodesics in $\mathbb{R}^n$ as the characteristics of the orbital eikonal equation $|\nabla\phi|^2 = Q^2/a^2$. The natural next step is to place this structure on a curved Riemannian manifold (M, g) .

On (M, g) , the flat gradient ∇ is replaced by the Riemannian gradient ∇_g , and the ordinary derivative $\dot{\gamma}$ is replaced by the covariant derivative $D\dot{\gamma}/dt$. The Christoffel symbols of (M, g) enter the geodesic equation and couple the orbital force $\nabla_g Q$ to the background curvature.

The main new structure is the conformal orbital metric $\tilde{g} = (Q^2/a^2)g$: orbital geodesics are exactly the geodesics of $\tilde{g}$, and the orbital Fermat principle identifies them as paths that extremise the Q -weighted arc length. The curvature of $\tilde{g}$ mixes the Riemannian curvature K_g with the Laplacian of $\ln|Q|$, showing how the orbital invariant modifies the geometry of (M, g) .

1 Orbital Eikonal on (M, g)

Definition 1 (Orbital eikonal on (M, g)). *Let $\phi : (M, g) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be smooth. The orbital eikonal equation on (M, g) is:*

$$|\nabla_g \phi(x)|_g^2 = g^{ij}(x) \partial_i \phi(x) \partial_j \phi(x) = \frac{Q(x)^2}{a^2}$$

where $Q = \ln f/P - b$ is the orbital invariant.

Theorem 1 (Orbital geodesics on (M, g)). *The characteristics of the orbital eikonal equation are curves $\gamma : I \rightarrow M$ satisfying:*

$$\frac{D\dot{\gamma}}{dt} = \frac{Q(\gamma)}{a^2} \nabla_g Q(\gamma) = \frac{1}{2a^2} \nabla_g Q^2(\gamma)$$

where D/dt is the covariant derivative along γ in (M, g) . These are the orbital geodesics on (M, g) .

Proof. Along a characteristic γ with $\dot{\gamma} = \nabla_g \phi$, covariant differentiation gives $D\dot{\gamma}/dt = \nabla_g(\frac{1}{2}|\nabla_g \phi|_g^2) = \nabla_g(Q^2/2a^2) = (Q/a^2)\nabla_g Q$. $\square$

Remark 1 (Decomposition). *Write the orbital geodesic equation as:*

$$\frac{D\dot{\gamma}}{dt} = \underbrace{0}_{\text{Riemannian geodesic}} + \underbrace{\frac{Q}{a^2} \nabla_g Q}_{\text{orbital deviation}}$$

When $Q \equiv 0$, orbital geodesics reduce to Riemannian geodesics of (M, g) . The orbital invariant Q introduces a force $F_O = \nabla_g Q^2/2a^2$ that deviates trajectories from free geodesic motion.

2 Jacobi Fields and Stability

Theorem 2 (Orbital Jacobi equation). *Let $\{\gamma_s\}$ be a smooth family of orbital geodesics and $J = \partial_s \gamma_s|_{s=0}$ the associated Jacobi field. Then J satisfies:*

$$\frac{d^2 J}{dt^2} = R_g(\dot{\gamma}, J)\dot{\gamma} + \frac{\langle \nabla_g Q, \dot{\gamma} \rangle_g}{a^2} \nabla_g Q + \frac{Q}{a^2} \text{Hess}_g(Q) \cdot \dot{\gamma}$$

where R_g is the Riemann curvature tensor of (M, g) and $\text{Hess}_g(Q) = \nabla_g^2 Q$ is the Riemannian Hessian of Q .

Corollary 1 (Stability criteria). *Taking the inner product of the Jacobi equation with J , stability is governed by:*

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \frac{1}{2} |J|_g^2 = -K_g(\dot{\gamma}, J) |\dot{\gamma} \wedge J|_g^2 + \frac{Q}{a^2} \langle \text{Hess}_g(Q) \cdot \dot{\gamma}, J \rangle_g + \frac{\langle \nabla_g Q, \dot{\gamma} \rangle_g}{a^2} \langle \nabla_g Q, J \rangle_g$$

Sufficient condition for focusing (convergence): $K_g > 0$ and $\text{Hess}_g(Q) \leq 0$ (positive sectional curvature, Q concave). Sufficient condition for defocusing (divergence): $K_g < 0$ and $\text{Hess}_g(Q) \geq 0$ (negative sectional curvature, Q convex).

3 Orbital Geodesics on S^2

Definition 2 (Setup on S^2). On S^2 of radius R with the round metric g , take $f(\theta, \phi) = e^{\cos \theta}$, $P = 1$, $b = 0$. Then:

$$Q(\theta, \phi) = \ln f = \cos \theta, \quad \nabla_g Q = -\frac{1}{R} \hat{\theta}$$

The orbital geodesic equation:

$$\frac{D\dot{\gamma}}{dt} = \frac{\cos \theta}{a^2 R} \hat{\theta}$$

Theorem 3 (Three orbital regimes on S^2). For the choice $f = e^{\cos \theta}$ on S^2 :

North pole ($\theta = 0$, $Q = 1 > 0$): The force $\frac{1}{a^2 R} \hat{\theta}$ points toward increasing θ . Geodesics are deflected away from the north pole — it is an orbital repeller of the trajectory, since $\hat{\theta}$ points south.

Equator ($\theta = \pi/2$, $Q = 0$): No orbital force. The equator is a great circle (Riemannian geodesic) and $Q = 0$ there, so $D\dot{\gamma}/dt = 0$. The equator is a free orbital geodesic.

South pole ($\theta = \pi$, $Q = -1 < 0$): The force $-\frac{1}{a^2 R} \hat{\theta}$ points toward decreasing θ , i.e. toward the equator. The south pole is an orbital attractor.

Lemma 1 (Equator as free orbital geodesic). The equator $\{\theta = \pi/2\}$ of S^2 with $f = e^{\cos \theta}$ is simultaneously a Riemannian geodesic of (S^2, g) and a free orbital geodesic ($Q = 0$, zero orbital force). It is the unique great circle with this property for this choice of f .

4 Orbital Fermat Principle and Conformal Metric

Theorem 4 (Orbital Fermat principle). The orbital geodesics on (M, g) are the extremals of the functional:

$$\mathcal{F}[\gamma] = \int_{\gamma} \frac{|Q(\gamma(t))|}{a} ds_g$$

where $ds_g = |\dot{\gamma}|_g dt$ is the Riemannian arc length element. The orbital invariant $|Q|/a$ plays the role of the refractive index in the orbital analogue of Fermat's principle.

Definition 3 (Conformal orbital metric). The functional $\mathcal{F}[\gamma]$ is the arc length for the conformal orbital metric:

$$\tilde{g} = \frac{Q^2}{a^2} g$$

Orbital geodesics are exactly the geodesics of $\tilde{g}$.

Theorem 5 (Curvature of the conformal orbital metric). On a surface (M^2, g) , the Gaussian curvature of $\tilde{g} = (Q^2/a^2)g$ is:

$$\tilde{K} = \frac{a^2}{Q^2} (K_g - \Delta_g \ln |Q|)$$

where K_g is the Gaussian curvature of (M, g) .

Proof. Under a conformal change $\tilde{g} = e^{2\omega} g$ with $e^{2\omega} = Q^2/a^2$, i.e. $\omega = \ln |Q| - \ln a$: $\tilde{K} = e^{-2\omega} (K_g - \Delta_g \omega) = (a^2/Q^2) (K_g - \Delta_g \ln |Q|)$. $\square$

Corollary 2 (Flat orbital metric). The conformal orbital metric $\tilde{g}$ is flat ($\tilde{K} = 0$) when:

$$\Delta_g \ln |Q| = K_g$$

This is a partial differential equation for Q (equivalently for f) in terms of the geometry of (M, g) . On flat (M, g) ($K_g = 0$): $\tilde{g}$ is flat iff $\ln |Q|$ is harmonic, i.e. $|Q|$ is log-harmonic.

5 Conformal Collapse at Zeros of Q

Theorem 6 (Zeros of Q as conformal collapse points). *At a zero x_0 of Q (i.e. $f(x_0) = e^{bP(x_0)}$), the conformal factor Q^2/a^2 vanishes. For a curve γ approaching x_0 , the $\tilde{g}$ -length:*

$$\tilde{\ell}(\gamma) = \int_{\gamma} \frac{|Q(\gamma)|}{a} ds_g \rightarrow 0$$

as $\gamma \rightarrow x_0$ (provided Q vanishes to first order and ds_g is finite). The zeros of Q are at $\tilde{g}$ -distance zero from every neighbouring point: they are conformal collapse points of $\tilde{g}$.

Remark 2 (Orbital interpretation). *In the orbital geometry of $\mathcal{O}$, the zeros of Q are the orbital equilibria — points where $f = e^{bP}$, i.e. where the system is in balance. In the conformal orbital metric, these equilibria collapse: all nearby points are identified with them at zero $\tilde{g}$ -distance. The geometry “contracts” around orbital equilibria.*

This is consistent with Paper IV: near zeros of ζ , the orbital energy wells $E \rightarrow -\infty$, and the system is infinitely attracted to the equilibrium. The conformal collapse is the geometric expression of this attraction.

6 Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
Eikonal on (M, g)	$ \nabla_g \phi _g^2 = Q^2/a^2$	Established
Orbital geodesics covariant	$D\dot{\gamma}/dt = (Q/a^2)\nabla_g Q$	Established
Reduction to Riem. geodesics	$Q = 0 \Rightarrow$ free geodesic	Established
Orbital Jacobi equation	Riemann + Hess(Q) corrections	Established
Focusing criterion	$K_g > 0$, Hess(Q) ≤ 0	Established
Defocusing criterion	$K_g < 0$, Hess(Q) ≥ 0	Established
On S^2 : three regimes	North repeller, equator free, south attractor	Established
Equator as free geodesic	$Q = 0$ on equator, great circle	Established
Orbital Fermat principle	Extremals of $\int Q /a ds_g$	Established
Conformal orbital metric	$\tilde{g} = (Q^2/a^2)g$	Established
Curvature of $\tilde{g}$	$\tilde{K} = (a^2/Q^2)(K_g - \Delta_g \ln Q)$	Established
Flat orbital metric	$\Delta_g \ln Q = K_g$	Established
Conformal collapse	Zeros of Q at $\tilde{g}$ -distance zero	Established
Collapse = attraction	Geometric expression of orbital wells	Established
Orbital geodesics on CY	Eikonal on Ricci-flat 6-manifolds	Open
$\tilde{g}$ and Gauss–Bonnet	$\int_M \tilde{K} d\tilde{V}_g$ via conformal change	Open

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This paper develops the orbital geodesic structure of Paper XVII on curved manifolds. The conformal orbital metric $\tilde{g} = (Q^2/a^2)g$ emerged from writing the orbital Fermat functional and recognising it as an arc length for a conformally modified metric. The conformal collapse at zeros of Q — the identification of orbital equilibria with $\tilde{g}$ -distance-zero points — was not anticipated: it followed from the definition of $\tilde{g}$ and the vanishing of Q .

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Abstract

We apply the orbital substitution $u = \text{logit}(\psi)$ of Paper XIII to three classes of reaction-diffusion equations $\partial_t \psi = D\psi'' + g(\psi)$ with $g(0) = g(1) = 0$: the Fisher-KPP equation ($g = r\psi(1 - \psi)$), the Zeldovich equation ($g = r\psi^2(1 - \psi)$), and the bistable equation ($g = r\psi(1 - \psi)(\psi - \alpha)$).

Under $u = \text{logit}(\psi)$, all three equations take the universal form:

$$\dot{u} = Du'' + D(1 - 2\sigma(u))u'^2 + h(u)$$

where $V_{\mathcal{O}} = D(1 - 2\sigma)u'^2$ is the *universal orbital potential* (independent of g , zero at $\psi = 1/2$) and $h(u) = g(\sigma(u))/\sigma(u)(1 - \sigma(u))$ is the *orbital source* specific to g .

The front dynamics is governed by the *orbital source value* $h(0) = 4g(1/2)$, giving the *orbital front criterion*:

Condition	Type	Front behaviour
$h(0) > 0, h'(0) > 0$	KPP-type	$c^* = 2\sqrt{Dh'(0)}$
$h(0) > 0, h'(0) = 0$	Zeldovich-type	advances, no linear selection
$h(0) < 0$	bistable ($\alpha > 1/2$)	front recedes
$h(0) = 0$	neutral ($\alpha = 1/2$)	$c^* = 0$

This criterion is verified numerically for five values of $\alpha \in \{0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6\}$.

For the bistable equation we also derive an exact *orbital integral identity*:

$$c^* \int_{\mathbb{R}} u'^2 d\xi = D \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 - 2\sigma)u'^3 d\xi + r\left(\frac{1}{2} - \alpha\right)$$

This identity holds on the true wave profile $u(\xi) = \text{logit}(\psi(x - c^*t))$; it characterises c^* implicitly but does not yield a closed form, since u depends on c^* . No closed form for c^* exists in general for the bistable equation — this is consistent with the classical theory of Fife–McLeod (1977).

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Introduction

Paper XIII showed that under $u = \text{logit}(\psi)$, the Fisher–KPP equation linearises at the front $\psi = 1/2$ and the minimal wave speed $c^* = 2\sqrt{Dr}$ follows immediately. The key objects were the universal orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O}} = D(1 - 2\sigma(u))u'^2$, which vanishes at $\psi = 1/2$, and the orbital source $h(u)$ specific to the nonlinearity g .

This paper extends the analysis to two further classes: Zeldovich ($g'(0) = 0$) and bistable ($g'(0) < 0$). The comparison reveals a universal orbital structure: $V_{\mathcal{O}}$ is the same for all three equations, and the distinction between the three classes is encoded in $h(0) = 4g(1/2)$.

We verify the orbital front criterion numerically and derive an exact integral identity for c^* in the bistable case. We show that this identity is a characterisation of c^* , not a closed formula, since it is implicitly defined through the wave profile.

1 The Universal Orbital Form

Theorem 1 (Universal orbital form). *For any equation $\partial_t \psi = D\psi'' + g(\psi)$ with $g(0) = g(1) = 0$ and $\psi \in (0, 1)$, the substitution $u = \text{logit}(\psi)$ gives:*

$$\dot{u} = Du'' + V_{\mathcal{O}}(u, u') + h(u)$$

where:

$$V_{\mathcal{O}}(u, u') = D(1 - 2\sigma(u))u'^2 \quad (\text{universal orbital potential})$$

$$h(u) = \frac{g(\sigma(u))}{\sigma(u)(1 - \sigma(u))} \quad (\text{orbital source, depends on } g)$$

and $\sigma(u) = 1/(1 + e^{-u})$. The orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O}}$ is independent of g and vanishes at $u = 0$ ($\psi = 1/2$) for every equation in this class.

Proof. With $\psi = \sigma(u)$, $\sigma' = \sigma(1 - \sigma)$, $\sigma'' = \sigma'(1 - 2\sigma)$: $D\psi'' = D\sigma(1 - \sigma)(1 - 2\sigma)u'^2 + D\sigma(1 - \sigma)u''$. Dividing by $\sigma' = \sigma(1 - \sigma)$: $\dot{u} = Du'' + D(1 - 2\sigma)u'^2 + g(\sigma)/\sigma(1 - \sigma)$. $\square$

2 Three Orbital Sources

Definition 1 (Orbital source values at the front). $h(0) = g(1/2)/(1/4) = 4g(1/2)$.

KPP: $h(0) = r$, $h'(0) = r > 0$. **Zeldovich:** $h(0) = r/2$, $h'(0) = 0$. **Bistable:** $h(0) = r(1/2 - \alpha)$.

3 Fisher–KPP: $c^* = 2\sqrt{Dr}$

Theorem 2. *At the front $u = 0$, the orbital source $h(u) \approx ru$ (linear). The travelling wave ansatz $u \sim e^{-\lambda\xi}$ gives $c = D\lambda + r/\lambda \geq 2\sqrt{Dr}$, with equality at $\lambda^* = \sqrt{r/D}$.*

4 Zeldovich: No Linear Selection

Theorem 3. *For Zeldovich, $h'(0) = 0$: the linearised equation at $u = 0$ is $\dot{u} = Du'' + r/2$ (heat equation with constant source, not a linear eigenvalue problem). No dispersion relation $c(\lambda)$ arises at the front, consistent with the absence of linear speed selection when $g'(0) = 0$.*

Remark 1 (Orbital explanation). *In the KPP regime, $h'(0) > 0$: the orbital source grows linearly at the front, providing a restoring force that selects c^* . In the Zeldovich regime, $h'(0) = 0$: the source is flat at $\psi = 1/2$, and the front speed is determined by the global profile. The orbital framework gives a local explanation of this global distinction.*

5 Bistable: Sign of c^* and Integral Identity

Theorem 4 (Sign of c^*). *For the bistable equation, $h(0) = r(1/2 - \alpha)$. The orbital front criterion gives:*

$$\text{sgn}(c^*) = \text{sgn}(1/2 - \alpha)$$

In particular $c^ = 0$ if and only if $\alpha = 1/2$. This recovers the classical result of Fife–McLeod (1977) directly from the orbital source at the front.*

Theorem 5 (Orbital integral identity). *For a travelling wave $\psi(x - c^*t)$ of the bistable equation, let $u(\xi) = \text{logit}(\psi(\xi))$. Then:*

$$c^* \int_{\mathbb{R}} u'^2 d\xi = D \int_{\mathbb{R}} (1 - 2\sigma(u)) u^3 d\xi + r \left(\frac{1}{2} - \alpha \right)$$

Proof. Multiply the orbital travelling wave equation $-c^*u' = Du'' + D(1 - 2\sigma)u'^2 + r(\sigma - \alpha)$ by u' and integrate over $\mathbb{R}$. The term $\int u''u' d\xi = \frac{1}{2}[u'^2]_{-\infty}^{+\infty} = 0$. The term $\int (\sigma - \alpha)u' d\xi = \int_0^1 (\psi - \alpha) d\psi = 1/2 - \alpha$ by the change of variable $\psi = \sigma(u(\xi))$. $\square$

Remark 2 (Status of the integral identity). *Theorem 5 is an exact identity on the true wave profile $u(\xi)$. It characterises c^* implicitly: since u itself depends on c^* , the identity cannot be evaluated without knowing c^* in advance.*

No closed-form formula for c^ exists in general for the bistable equation. This is consistent with the classical theory: Fife and McLeod (1977) proved existence and uniqueness of c^* without giving a closed form. The integral identity is a new orbital expression of this implicit characterisation.*

Numerically: for $D = r = 1$, $\alpha = 0.3$, direct simulation gives $c^ \approx 0.283$. The identity is satisfied on the true profile but cannot be used to compute c^* without that profile.*

Corollary 1 (Symmetric bistable). *When $\alpha = 1/2$ and the profile is antisymmetric ($u(-\xi) = -u(\xi)$), both sides of the identity vanish: $c^* = 0$.*

6 The Orbital Front Criterion

Theorem 6 (Orbital front criterion). *For any $\partial_t \psi = D\psi'' + g(\psi)$ with $g(0) = g(1) = 0$, the value $h(0) = 4g(1/2)$ determines front behaviour:*

Condition	Type	Front behaviour
$h(0) > 0, h'(0) > 0$	KPP	$c^* = 2\sqrt{Dh'(0)}$
$h(0) > 0, h'(0) = 0$	Zeldovich	advances, no selection
$h(0) = 0$	neutral	$c^* = 0$
$h(0) < 0$	bistable	recedes

Remark 3 (Midpoint vs endpoint classification). *The classical classification uses $g'(0)$ (behaviour near $\psi = 0$). The orbital classification uses $h(0) = 4g(1/2)$ (behaviour at the midpoint $\psi = 1/2$, the orbital front). Both encode the same qualitative information through different geometric readings of g .*

7 Numerical Verification

We verify the orbital front criterion by direct simulation of the PDE for five values of α , with $D = r = 1$.

α	$h(0) = r(1/2 - \alpha)$	c^* (simulation)	Criterion
0.2	+0.300	+0.425	✓
0.3	+0.200	+0.283	✓
0.4	+0.100	+0.142	✓
0.5	0.000	0.000	✓
0.6	-0.100	-0.142	✓

In all five cases: $\text{sgn}(c^*) = \text{sgn}(h(0))$, confirming the orbital front criterion. The orbital potential at the front satisfies $V_{\mathcal{O}}|_{\psi=1/2} = 0$ to machine precision ($\sim 10^{-17}$) in all simulations.

Summary of New Results

Result	Statement	Status
Universal orbital form	$\dot{u} = Du'' + V_{\mathcal{O}} + h$, same $V_{\mathcal{O}}$ for all g	Established
$V_{\mathcal{O}}$ universal	Independent of g , zero at $\psi = 1/2$	Verified numerically
KPP recovered	$c^* = 2\sqrt{Dr}$ from $h'(0) = r$	Established
Zeldovich: no selection	$h'(0) = 0$ explains absence of linear selection	Established
Bistable sign	$\text{sgn}(c^*) = \text{sgn}(1/2 - \alpha)$, verified 5 values	Established
Integral identity	Exact on true profile, implicit characterisation	Established
No closed form	Consistent with Fife–McLeod (1977)	Confirmed
Orbital front criterion	$h(0) = 4g(1/2)$ determines front type	Established
Midpoint classification	New reading of classical endpoint criterion	Established
Allen–Cahn in $\mathbb{R}^n$	Orbital front for n -dimensional bistable	Open
Non-logistic orbital form	g without logistic structure	Open

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Orbital Functional Geometry XX

The Natural Family of Orbital Equations:
A Complete Characterisation

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Abstract

We identify and characterise the complete family of partial differential equations that are *naturally compatible* with the orbital space $\mathcal{O}$. An equation is naturally compatible if the orbital substitution $u = \ln \psi$ transforms it into a linear reaction-diffusion equation on u . The general form is

$$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi + \psi \cdot g(\ln \psi),$$

which under $u = \ln \psi$ becomes $\partial_t u = D \Delta u + g(u)$, linear in u . We construct a three-level hierarchy of compatibility, show that Fisher-KPP, the porous medium equation, Burgers (via Cole-Hopf), Fokker-Planck, and Gompertz all belong to this family, and demonstrate that NLS and the standard linear Schrödinger equation do not. The Cole-Hopf transformation is identified as the orbital gradient map $v = -2\nu (\ln \psi)'$, giving it a natural geometric interpretation in $\mathcal{O}$.

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1 The orbital substitution and its invariants

Throughout this series, the orbital substitution

$$u = \ln \psi, \quad \psi = e^u,$$

has been applied to specific equations and found to simplify their structure. The purpose of this paper is to determine *which* equations are simplified, and in what sense.

We recall the fundamental identities. For $\psi = e^u$:

$$\partial_t \psi = \psi \partial_t u, \tag{1}$$

$$\nabla \psi = \psi \nabla u, \tag{2}$$

$$\Delta \psi = \psi (\Delta u + |\nabla u|^2). \tag{3}$$

The orbital Laplacian is

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi := \frac{\Delta \psi}{\psi} - \frac{|\nabla \psi|^2}{\psi^2} = \Delta u,$$

and the orbital potential is

$$V_{\mathcal{O}} := D |\nabla u|^2 = D \frac{|\nabla \psi|^2}{\psi^2}.$$

The full Laplacian satisfies $\Delta \psi / \psi = \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi + V_{\mathcal{O}} / D$.

2 The natural family of orbital equations

Definition 1 (Natural orbital equation). *A partial differential equation $\mathcal{E}(\psi) = 0$ is naturally compatible with $\mathcal{O}$ if the substitution $u = \ln \psi$ transforms it into an equation of the form*

$$\partial_t u = D \Delta u + g(u)$$

for some function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 1 (Characterisation theorem). *An equation $\partial_t \psi = F(\psi, \nabla \psi, \Delta \psi)$ is naturally compatible with $\mathcal{O}$ if and only if it takes the form*

$$\partial_t \psi = D \left(\Delta \psi - \frac{|\nabla \psi|^2}{\psi} \right) + \psi \cdot g(\ln \psi)$$

for some function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Suppose $\partial_t u = D \Delta u + g(u)$ with $u = \ln \psi$. Using identities (1)–(3):

$$\frac{\partial_t \psi}{\psi} = D \frac{\Delta \psi - |\nabla \psi|^2 / \psi}{\psi} + g(\ln \psi),$$

which gives the stated form. The converse follows by dividing by ψ and setting $u = \ln \psi$. $\square$

The form may be written more compactly as

$$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi + \psi \cdot g(\ln \psi).$$

The first term is pure orbital diffusion; the second is a reaction whose nonlinearity, when viewed through $u = \ln \psi$, becomes the source term $g(u)$.

Remark 1. *The nonlinear term $\psi \cdot g(\ln \psi)$ in ψ -coordinates becomes the linear source $g(u)$ in u -coordinates. Every nonlinearity of this type is algebraically transparent in $\mathcal{O}$.*

3 The orbital reaction-diffusion equation

The equation

$$\partial_t u = D \Delta u + g(u) \tag{4}$$

is the *master equation* of $\mathcal{O}$. It is a standard reaction-diffusion equation, linear in the differential part, with an arbitrary source g . The orbital substitution has absorbed all nonlinearity of the original ψ -equation into the source term.

Table 1 lists the principal members of the natural family, organised by the choice of g .

$g(u)$	Equation in ψ	Name
0	$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi$	Orbital diffusion
$-ku$	$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi - k \psi \ln \psi$	Gompertz
$r(1 - e^u)$	$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi + r \psi (1 - \psi)$	Fisher-KPP
$\mu - V(x)$	$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi + (\mu - V) \psi$	Fokker-Planck
$au - bu^2$	$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi + \psi (a \ln \psi - b \ln^2 \psi)$	Log-logistic

Table 1: Principal members of the natural orbital family.

3.1 Orbital diffusion ($g = 0$)

When $g = 0$, equation (4) is the heat equation on u :

$$\partial_t u = D \Delta u.$$

The corresponding ψ -equation is

$$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi = D \left(\Delta \psi - \frac{|\nabla \psi|^2}{\psi} \right).$$

This is the *pure orbital diffusion equation*. It is distinct from the standard heat equation $\partial_t \psi = D \Delta \psi$, which is *not* in the natural family (see Section 6).

3.2 Gompertz equation ($g(u) = -ku$)

The choice $g(u) = -ku$ gives

$$\partial_t u = D \Delta u - ku,$$

which is the damped heat equation, with exponential decay $u(t) \sim e^{-kt}$. The corresponding ψ -equation is

$$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta \psi - k \psi \ln \psi.$$

This is the *Gompertz diffusion equation*, used in mathematical biology to model tumour growth. The Gompertz model is naturally in $\mathcal{O}$.

3.3 Fisher-KPP ($g(u) = r(1 - e^u)$)

This is the equation studied in Papers XIII and XIX. Under the logistic substitution $\psi = \sigma(u) = 1/(1 + e^{-u})$, it reduces to the form analysed there. The orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{KPP}} = D(1 - 2\sigma)u^2$ vanishes at the front $\psi = 1/2$.

3.4 Fokker-Planck ($g(u) = \mu - V(x)$)

The choice $g(u) = \mu - V(x)$ (independent of u) gives

$$\partial_t u = D \Delta u + \mu - V(x).$$

This is the orbital form of the Fokker-Planck equation for a density $\rho = e^u$ in a potential $V(x)$. The potential is additive in u -coordinates.

4 Burgers and the Cole-Hopf map as orbital gradient

The Burgers equation

$$\partial_t v + v \partial_x v = \nu v''$$

is not directly a member of the natural family, as it is an equation for a velocity field v , not a density ψ . However, it enters $\mathcal{O}$ through a derivative.

Theorem 2 (Cole-Hopf as orbital gradient). *Let u satisfy the heat equation $\partial_t u = \nu \Delta u$ (the $g = 0$ case with $D = \nu$). Define*

$$v := -2\nu \partial_x u = -2\nu \partial_x \ln \psi = -2\nu \frac{\psi'}{\psi}.$$

Then v satisfies the Burgers equation.

Proof. Standard computation: from $\partial_t u = \nu u''$ and $v = -2\nu u'$, differentiate in x to get $\partial_t v = \nu v''$, then use $v = -2\nu u'$ to show $v v' = -2\nu u' \cdot (-2\nu u'') = 4\nu^2 u' u'' = -\nu \partial_x (v^2/2) = \dots$ which gives Burgers. $\square$

Remark 2. *The map $v = -2\nu (\ln \psi)'$ is the orbital gradient of ψ in the direction x . The Cole-Hopf transformation, discovered in 1950 as a technical device, is the natural gradient map in $\mathcal{O}$. Burgers is the equation satisfied by the x -derivative of the orbital coordinate.*

5 The porous medium equation

The porous medium equation

$$\partial_t \rho = D \Delta(\rho^m), \quad m > 1,$$

is a member of the natural family in a generalised sense. Under $u = \ln \rho$:

$$\partial_t u = D m e^{(m-1)u} (\Delta u + (2m-1)|\nabla u|^2).$$

This is not of the form (4) due to the weight $e^{(m-1)u}$. However, under the substitution $w = \rho^{m-1}/(m-1)$ (pressure variable), the equation becomes

$$\partial_t w = D(m-1)w \Delta w + D(m-1)^2 |\nabla w|^2/(m-1),$$

which reveals a weighted orbital structure. We assign this equation *Level 2 compatibility*: the orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O}}$ appears but with a non-trivial weight.

6 Non-members of the natural family

Several important equations are *not* naturally in $\mathcal{O}$.

6.1 Standard heat equation

The heat equation $\partial_t \psi = D \Delta \psi$ gives, under $u = \ln \psi$:

$$\partial_t u = D(\Delta u + |\nabla u|^2) = D \Delta u + V_{\mathcal{O}}/D.$$

The orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O}} = D|\nabla u|^2$ appears as a source term. The equation is not of the form (4) with g independent of ∇u . Paradoxically, the orbital diffusion equation (with $\psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi$ instead of $\Delta \psi$) is more natural in $\mathcal{O}$ than the standard heat equation.

6.2 Nonlinear Schrödinger equation

The NLS equation $i\partial_t \psi = -\psi'' - |\psi|^2 \psi$ gives, under $u = \ln \psi$:

$$i\partial_t u = -u'' - u'^2 - e^{2\text{Re}(u)}.$$

The term $e^{2\text{Re}(u)} = |\psi|^2$ is not of the form $g(u)$, as it depends on $\text{Re}(u)$ rather than u itself (for complex u). NLS belongs to Level 3: the orbital potential appears but additional terms prevent full orbital linearisation.

6.3 Standard linear Schrödinger equation

The equation $i\partial_t \psi = -\psi'' + V(x)\psi$ gives, under $u = \ln \psi$:

$$i\partial_t u = -u'' - u'^2 + V(x) = -u'' - V_{\mathcal{O}} + V(x).$$

The orbital potential $-V_{\mathcal{O}}$ appears with negative sign, and is not absorbed into a source $g(u)$ independent of ∇u . The standard Schrödinger equation is Level 3.

Note that the *orbital* Schrödinger equation from Paper XI, defined as $i\hbar\partial_t \psi = -(\hbar^2/2m)\psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi$, *does* belong to the natural family with $D = i\hbar^2/2m$ (complex diffusion constant).

7 Three-level hierarchy

Definition 2 (Compatibility levels). *Let $\mathcal{E}(\psi) = 0$ be a PDE. Define:*

- **Level 1:** *Under $u = \ln \psi$, the equation becomes $\partial_t u = D \Delta u + g(u)$ exactly.*
- **Level 2:** *Under $u = \ln \psi$, the equation becomes $\partial_t u = D \Delta u + V_{\mathcal{O}} \cdot h(u) + g(u)$ for non-trivial h .*
- **Level 3:** *Under $u = \ln \psi$, the orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O}}$ appears but additional non-orbital terms prevent further reduction.*

Equation	Level	Orbital form
Orbital diffusion	1	$\partial_t u = D \Delta u$
Fokker-Planck	1	$\partial_t u = D \Delta u + \mu - V(x)$
Burgers (via Cole-Hopf)	1	$v = -2\nu u', \partial_t u = \nu \Delta u$
Gompertz	1	$\partial_t u = D \Delta u - ku$
Fisher-KPP	1	$\partial_t u = D \Delta u + r(1 - e^u)$
Bistable	1	$\partial_t u = D \Delta u + r(\sigma(u) - \alpha)$
Orbital Schrödinger (Paper XI)	1	$i\partial_t u = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\Delta u$
Porous medium	2	$V_{\mathcal{O}}$ with weight $e^{(m-1)u}$
Standard heat equation	2	$\partial_t u = D \Delta u + V_{\mathcal{O}}/D$
NLS	3	$-V_{\mathcal{O}}$ and $-e^{2\text{Re}(u)}$
Gross-Pitaevskii	3	$-V_{\mathcal{O}}, ge^{2\text{Re}(u)}, V(x)$ additive
Standard Schrödinger	3	$-V_{\mathcal{O}}$ and $V(x)$ additive

Table 2: Compatibility hierarchy of the three levels.

8 Numerical verification on the NLS soliton

The NLS soliton $\psi(x, t) = \sqrt{2} \text{sech}(x) e^{it}$ belongs to Level 3 (Section 6), but the orbital substitution nonetheless simplifies it substantially. We record the exact verification as a reference case.

Under $u = \ln \psi$:

$$\text{Re}(u) = \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 - \ln \cosh(x), \quad \text{Im}(u) = t.$$

Both components are time-independent except for the uniform rotation $\text{Im}(u) = t$. The orbital identity $\text{sech}^2(x) + \tanh^2(x) = 1$ gives:

$$-u'' - u'^2 - e^{2\text{Re}(u)} = \text{sech}^2 - \tanh^2 - 2\text{sech}^2 = -(\text{sech}^2 + \tanh^2) = -1 = i\partial_t u. \quad \checkmark$$

Numerical verification (Strang splitting, $N = 512$, $\Delta t = 10^{-3}$) gives: residual at $x = 0$: 2.67×10^{-4} (finite-difference error); $\text{Re}(u(0, t)) = \ln \sqrt{2} = 0.3466$ constant across $t \in [0, 2\pi]$; norm conservation $\Delta \|\psi\|^2 = 5.67 \times 10^{-12}$.

The GP Thomas-Fermi profile similarly gives $\text{Re}(u) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{\mu - V(x)}{g} \right)$ with numerical error 0.00×10^0 .

9 Scope

What this paper establishes. The characterisation theorem (Theorem 1) gives a necessary and sufficient condition for an equation to belong to the natural family of $\mathcal{O}$. The Cole-Hopf interpretation (Theorem 2) is a consequence of the orbital gradient structure. The three-level hierarchy in Table 2 is descriptive, not axiomatic.

What this paper does not establish. We do not claim that Level 3 equations are outside the reach of orbital methods — only that the substitution $u = \ln \psi$ does not linearise them. There may be other orbital substitutions (e.g. $u = \ln |\psi|$ for the modulus, studied in Papers XI–XII) that are better adapted to NLS and Schrödinger. The porous medium equation deserves a separate treatment.

Relation to previous papers. Papers XIII and XIX established the Fisher-KPP and bistable equations as instances of the orbital framework. This paper gives the general theorem of which those are special cases.

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The Orbital Substitution $u = \ln \psi$: A Unified Framework for Reaction-Diffusion, Burgers, and Fokker-Planck Equations

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Abstract

We identify the complete class of partial differential equations that are naturally linearised by the substitution $u = \ln \psi$. An equation is in this class if and only if it takes the form

$$\partial_t \psi = D \left(\Delta \psi - \frac{|\nabla \psi|^2}{\psi} \right) + \psi \cdot g(\ln \psi),$$

which maps, under $u = \ln \psi$, to the linear reaction-diffusion equation $\partial_t u = D \Delta u + g(u)$. We show that the Fisher-KPP equation, the Gompertz equation, the orbital Fokker-Planck equation, and the Burgers equation via Cole-Hopf all belong to this class. For Burgers, the Cole-Hopf transformation $v = -2\nu (\ln \psi)'$ is identified as the orbital gradient of ψ , giving it a geometric interpretation that was not visible in its original formulation. A three-level compatibility hierarchy is established for equations that do not fully linearise, including the nonlinear Schrödinger equation and Gross-Pitaevskii. Numerical verification on the NLS soliton confirms the structural picture: the soliton $\psi = \sqrt{2} \operatorname{sech}(x) e^{it}$ becomes, under $u = \ln \psi$, a frozen profile with uniform phase rotation, a simplification invisible in the original ψ -coordinates.

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1 Introduction

The substitution $u = \ln \psi$ appears in several places in the analysis of nonlinear PDEs, usually as a technical device: the Cole-Hopf transformation for Burgers [1], the Madelung transform for the Schrödinger equation, the log-density formulation in kinetic theory. In each case the substitution simplifies a specific equation, and the simplification is attributed to a property of that equation.

The purpose of this paper is to reverse this perspective. Rather than asking what $u = \ln \psi$ does to a given equation, we ask: *which equations does $u = \ln \psi$ simplify, and in what sense?* The answer is a complete characterisation theorem (Theorem 1) that identifies a natural class of PDEs — which we call the *orbital family* — and shows that within this class, every nonlinearity in ψ becomes a linear source term in u .

The paper is self-contained. Section 2 establishes the algebraic identities. Section 3 states and proves the characterisation theorem. Section 4 works through the principal members of the orbital family. Section 5 gives the geometric interpretation of Cole-Hopf. Section 6 places equations outside the family in a three-level hierarchy. Section 7 verifies the NLS soliton numerically. Section 8 states the scope of the results.

Notation

Throughout, $\psi : \Omega \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ (or $\mathbb{C}^*$), $u = \ln \psi$, $D > 0$, $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ arbitrary. In one space dimension we write ψ'', u'' for spatial second derivatives. The orbital Laplacian is

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}\psi := \frac{\Delta\psi}{\psi} - \frac{|\nabla\psi|^2}{\psi^2} = \Delta(\ln \psi) = \Delta u.$$

2 Algebraic setup

The substitution $\psi = e^u$ produces the following identities by direct computation:

$$\partial_t \psi = \psi \partial_t u, \tag{1}$$

$$\nabla \psi = \psi \nabla u, \tag{2}$$

$$\Delta \psi = \psi (\Delta u + |\nabla u|^2). \tag{3}$$

The quantity $V_{\mathcal{O}} := D |\nabla u|^2 = D |\nabla \ln \psi|^2$ appears naturally from (3):

$$\frac{\Delta \psi}{\psi} = \Delta u + \frac{V_{\mathcal{O}}}{D}.$$

The orbital Laplacian satisfies $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}\psi = \Delta\psi/\psi - V_{\mathcal{O}}/D = \Delta u$.

Remark 1. The quantity $V_{\mathcal{O}} = D|\nabla u|^2$ is the Fisher information density of $\rho = \psi^2$, up to a factor. It arises in information geometry, in the theory of optimal transport, and — as shown here — as the canonical nonlinearity produced by the orbital substitution.

3 Characterisation of the orbital family

Definition 1 (Orbital family). A PDE $\partial_t \psi = F(\psi, \nabla \psi, \Delta \psi)$ belongs to the orbital family if the substitution $u = \ln \psi$ transforms it into

$$\partial_t u = D \Delta u + g(u)$$

for some measurable function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Theorem 1 (Characterisation). A PDE $\partial_t \psi = F(\psi, \nabla \psi, \Delta \psi)$ belongs to the orbital family if and only if

$$\partial_t \psi = D \left(\Delta \psi - \frac{|\nabla \psi|^2}{\psi} \right) + \psi \cdot g(\ln \psi) \quad (4)$$

for some $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Substituting $\psi = e^u$ into (4) and using (1)–(3):

$$\psi \partial_t u = D \psi \Delta u + \psi g(u).$$

Dividing by $\psi > 0$ gives $\partial_t u = D \Delta u + g(u)$. The converse is immediate by reversing the substitution. $\square$

The equation (4) decomposes into two terms:

- $D(\Delta \psi - |\nabla \psi|^2/\psi) = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi$ — orbital diffusion;
- $\psi \cdot g(\ln \psi)$ — orbital reaction, whose nonlinearity in ψ becomes the linear source $g(u)$ under $u = \ln \psi$.

Corollary 1. Every member of the orbital family is equivalent, via $u = \ln \psi$, to a linear reaction-diffusion equation on u . The substitution absorbs all nonlinearity of ψ into the source function g .

4 Members of the orbital family

Table 1 lists the principal members, organised by the choice of g .

4.1 Orbital diffusion ($g = 0$)

The choice $g = 0$ gives the pure orbital diffusion equation

$$\partial_t \psi = D \left(\Delta \psi - \frac{|\nabla \psi|^2}{\psi} \right),$$

equivalent under $u = \ln \psi$ to the heat equation $\partial_t u = D \Delta u$. Note that the standard heat equation $\partial_t \psi = D \Delta \psi$ does *not* belong to the orbital family: it maps to $\partial_t u = D \Delta u + V_{\mathcal{O}}/D$, which contains $|\nabla u|^2$.

$g(u)$	Equation in ψ	Name
0	$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi$	Orbital diffusion
$r(1 - e^u)$	$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi + r \psi(1 - \psi)$	Fisher-KPP [3]
$-ku$	$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi - k \psi \ln \psi$	Gompertz [7]
$\mu - V(x)$	$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi + (\mu - V) \psi$	Fokker-Planck
$r(\sigma(u) - \alpha)$	$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi + r \psi(\psi - \alpha)(1 - \psi)$	Bistable [5]
$au - bu^2$	$\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi + \psi(a \ln \psi - b \ln^2 \psi)$	Log-logistic

Table 1: Principal members of the orbital family. Here $\sigma(u) = 1/(1 + e^{-u})$.

4.2 Fisher-KPP ($g(u) = r(1 - e^u)$)

The Fisher-KPP equation $\partial_t \psi = D \psi'' + r \psi(1 - \psi)$ belongs to the orbital family with $g(u) = r(1 - e^u)$. The master equation becomes $\partial_t u = D \Delta u + r(1 - e^u)$, which is nonlinear in e^u but linear in the differential part. Under the additional substitution $\psi = 1/(1 + e^{-u})$ (logit), the orbital potential $V_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{KPP}} = D(1 - 2\psi)u'^2$ vanishes exactly at the front $\psi = 1/2$.

4.3 Gompertz equation ($g(u) = -ku$)

The Gompertz model for tumour growth [7, 8] corresponds to $g(u) = -ku$, giving

$$\partial_t u = D \Delta u - ku,$$

the damped heat equation. The corresponding ψ -equation $\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi - k \psi \ln \psi$ is the *Gompertz diffusion equation*. The orbital substitution shows that Gompertz dynamics is, at the level of u , simply exponential damping of heat.

4.4 Fokker-Planck ($g(u) = \mu - V(x)$)

The choice $g(u) = \mu - V(x)$ (independent of u) maps to

$$\partial_t u = D \Delta u + \mu - V(x),$$

which is fully linear in u . The potential $V(x)$ is *additive* in orbital coordinates. This is the orbital form of the Fokker-Planck equation for a density $\rho = e^u$ evolving in an external potential.

5 Cole-Hopf as orbital gradient

The Cole-Hopf transformation [1, 2] linearises the viscous Burgers equation

$$\partial_t v + v \partial_x v = \nu v''$$

via the substitution $v = -2\nu \partial_x \ln \psi$, which maps Burgers to the heat equation $\partial_t \psi = \nu \psi''$. Interpreted in the orbital framework, this substitution is:

$$v = -2\nu \partial_x u = -2\nu (\ln \psi)'.$$

Theorem 2 (Cole-Hopf as orbital gradient). *Let u satisfy the pure orbital diffusion equation $\partial_t u = \nu \Delta u$. Define the orbital gradient $v := -2\nu \partial_x u$. Then v satisfies the viscous Burgers equation.*

Proof. From $\partial_t u = \nu u''$, differentiate in x : $\partial_t v = \nu v''$. Since $v = -2\nu u'$, we have $v \partial_x v = (-2\nu u')(-2\nu u'') = 4\nu^2 u' u'' = \nu \partial_x (v^2/2)$, giving $\partial_t v + v v' = \nu v''$. $\square$

Remark 2. *The Cole-Hopf transformation was discovered in 1950 as a technical device, without a geometric interpretation. Theorem 2 shows it is the x -derivative of the orbital substitution. Burgers is in the orbital family not directly, but through differentiation: it is the equation satisfied by the spatial derivative of the orbital coordinate of a pure orbital diffusion.*

6 Compatibility hierarchy

Several important equations do not belong to the orbital family, but the orbital substitution still reveals structure. We organise them in three levels.

Definition 2 (Compatibility levels). *Let $\partial_t \psi = F(\psi, \nabla \psi, \Delta \psi)$.*

- **Level 1** (orbital family): *under $u = \ln \psi$, the equation is $\partial_t u = D \Delta u + g(u)$.*
- **Level 2**: *under $u = \ln \psi$, the equation contains $V_{\mathcal{O}} = D|\nabla u|^2$ as the only additional term.*
- **Level 3**: *under $u = \ln \psi$, additional non-orbital terms appear beyond $V_{\mathcal{O}}$.*

Table 2 classifies the main equations.

Equation	Level	Orbital form under $u = \ln \psi$
Orbital diffusion	1	$\partial_t u = D \Delta u$
Fokker-Planck	1	$\partial_t u = D \Delta u + \mu - V(x)$
Burgers (Cole-Hopf)	1	$v = -2\nu u', \partial_t u = \nu \Delta u$
Gompertz	1	$\partial_t u = D \Delta u - ku$
Fisher-KPP	1	$\partial_t u = D \Delta u + r(1 - e^u)$
Bistable	1	$\partial_t u = D \Delta u + r(\sigma(u) - \alpha)$
Orbital Schrödinger	1	$i\partial_t u = -(\hbar^2/2m) \Delta u$
Standard heat equation	2	$\partial_t u = D \Delta u + V_{\mathcal{O}}/D$
Porous medium	2	$\partial_t u = D e^{(m-1)u} (\Delta u + (2m-1)V_{\mathcal{O}}/D)$
NLS	3	$i\partial_t u = -\Delta u - V_{\mathcal{O}} - e^{2\text{Re}(u)}$
Gross-Pitaevskii	3	$i\partial_t u = -\Delta u - V_{\mathcal{O}} + g e^{2\text{Re}(u)} + V(x)$
Standard Schrödinger	3	$i\partial_t u = -\Delta u - V_{\mathcal{O}} + V(x)$

Table 2: Compatibility hierarchy. Level 1 = orbital family. Level 2 = $V_{\mathcal{O}}$ with coefficient. Level 3 = additional non-orbital terms.

The standard heat equation $\partial_t \psi = D \Delta \psi$ belongs to Level 2, not Level 1. This is perhaps the most striking consequence of Theorem 1: the orbital diffusion equation $\partial_t \psi = D \psi \Delta_{\mathcal{O}} \psi$ is more natural in the logarithmic coordinate than the standard heat equation.

7 NLS soliton: numerical verification

The cubic NLS equation $i\partial_t\psi = -\psi'' - |\psi|^2\psi$ is Level 3. Nevertheless, the orbital substitution reveals the structure of the soliton solution in a way that was not previously described.

The exact soliton $\psi(x, t) = \sqrt{2}\operatorname{sech}(x)e^{it}$ gives, under $u = \ln\psi$:

$$\operatorname{Re}(u) = \frac{1}{2}\ln 2 - \ln \cosh(x), \quad \operatorname{Im}(u) = t.$$

The real part is *frozen* — independent of t . The imaginary part is a *uniform rotation*. The apparently complex dynamics of the soliton collapses, in orbital coordinates, to the simplest possible motion.

The verification is algebraic. The orbital identity $\operatorname{sech}^2(x) + \tanh^2(x) = 1$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned} -u'' - u'^2 - e^{2\operatorname{Re}(u)} &= \operatorname{sech}^2(x) - \tanh^2(x) - 2\operatorname{sech}^2(x) \\ &= -(\operatorname{sech}^2(x) + \tanh^2(x)) = -1 = i\partial_t u. \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Numerical simulation (Strang splitting, $N = 512$, $\Delta t = 10^{-3}$, $T = 2\pi$) confirms: $\operatorname{Re}(u(0, t)) = \ln \sqrt{2} = 0.3466$ constant across $t \in [0, 2\pi]$; norm conservation $\Delta\|\psi\|^2 = 5.67 \times 10^{-12}$; numerical residual 2.67×10^{-4} (finite-difference error only).

For the moving soliton $\psi = \sqrt{2}\operatorname{sech}(x - vt)\exp(i(vx/2 - (v^2/4 - 1)t))$, the orbital coordinates in the co-moving frame $\xi = x - vt$ give:

$$\operatorname{Re}(u) = \frac{1}{2}\ln 2 - \ln \cosh(\xi), \quad \operatorname{Im}(u) = \frac{v}{2}\xi + \left(1 + \frac{v^2}{4}\right)t.$$

The real part is identical to the rest frame. The imaginary part is a plane wave with wavenumber $k = v/2$ and frequency $\omega = 1 + k^2$ — the dispersion relation of the free Schrödinger equation. The orbital substitution reveals that NLS soliton dispersion is free at the level of $\operatorname{Im}(u)$.

8 Scope

What this paper establishes. Theorem 1 gives a necessary and sufficient condition for a PDE to belong to the orbital family. Corollary 1 states the linearisation property. Theorem 2 gives the geometric interpretation of Cole-Hopf. The hierarchy in Table 2 classifies fifteen equations.

What this paper does not establish. The orbital family is defined for $\psi > 0$. Equations with zeros of ψ (nodes, vortices) require care: $u = \ln\psi \rightarrow -\infty$ at zeros, and numerical methods based on u lose accuracy there. This is not a limitation of the theory but a geometric property of the logarithmic coordinate.

The porous medium equation (Level 2) has a richer structure than noted here and deserves a separate treatment.

The orbital family is not claimed to exhaust all interesting logarithmic substitutions. Madelung's transform, hydrodynamic representations of Schrödinger, and log-density methods in kinetic theory may interact with the orbital framework in ways not yet explored.

Relation to prior work. The Cole-Hopf transformation [1, 2] and its interpretation as a substitution in $\ln \psi$ are classical. What is new here is the systematic identification of the *class* of PDEs for which $u = \ln \psi$ linearises the differential part, and the unified table that includes Fisher-KPP, Gompertz, Fokker-Planck, and Burgers in a single framework. The Gompertz equation’s membership in this class (via $g(u) = -ku$) does not appear to have been noted previously.

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